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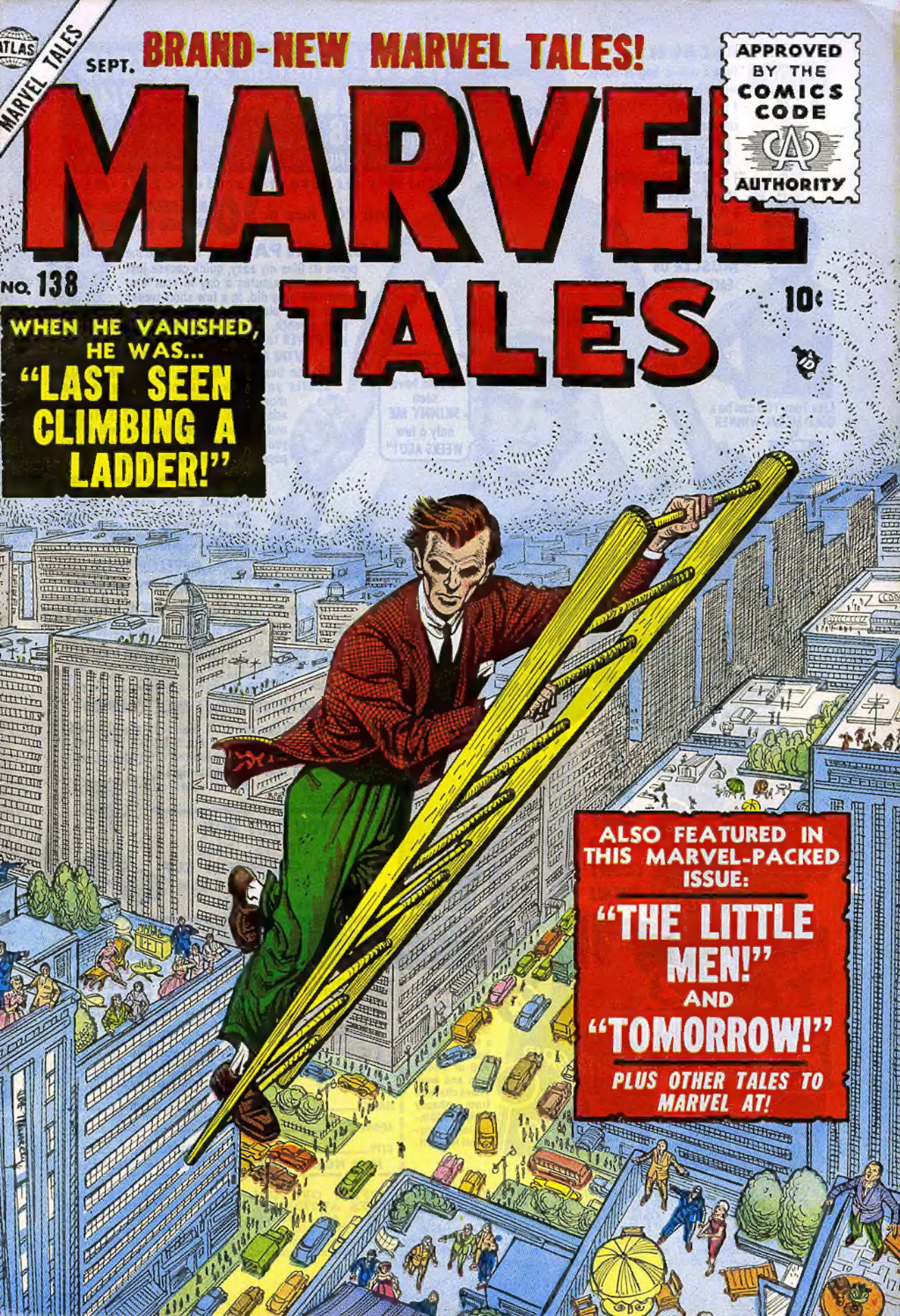

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"THE LITTLE MEN!" AND "TOMORROW!"

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TONY PASCARELLA

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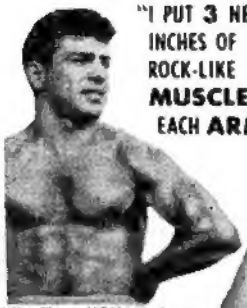

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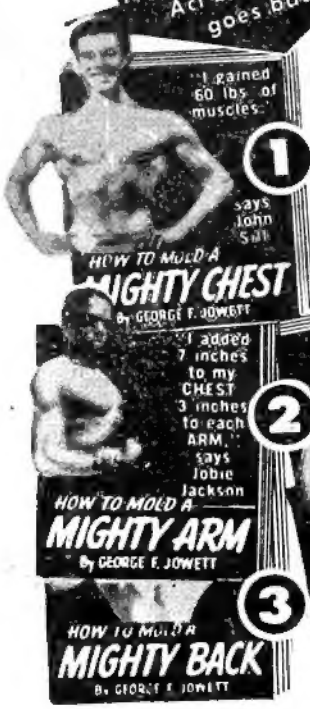
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WHEN HARRY DUNSTON DONNED THE STRANGE PAIR OF GLASSES, A NEW ERA UNFOLDED BEFORE HIS VERY EYES... A PREVIEW, A GLIMPSE INTO THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE! BUT SUCH POWER IS DANGEROUS IN THE HANDS OF A WEAK MAN WHO POSSESSES THIS KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS TO COME...

TOMORROW!

A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! AS I LOOK THROUGH THESE GLASSES, I CAN SEE A SECTION OF STREET DRENCHED IN SUNSHINE... AND YET... IT'S POURING RAIN OUT THERE!
PRECISELY, MR. DUNSTON, BUT DO NOT BE ALARMED! YOU ARE MERELY WITNESSING WHAT WILL OCCUR AT THIS EXACT MOMENT- TOMORROW!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
WE ARE OFFERING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT MANKIND, AS WELL AS YOURSELF, DUNSTON! COME INSIDE... I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPER!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE CLAIMING CREDIT FOR SAVING THEIR LIVES?
YES, DUNSTON! YOU SEE, ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES OBSERVED THE FIRE IN ADVANCE THROUGH HIS FUTURITY GLASSES, AND FILED A REPORT...
FIRE SWEPT TENEMENT
NO CASUALTIES
ALL INHABITANTS ESCAPE
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THE APPROACHING CATASTROPHE WAS NOTED, AND THE PROPER STEPS WERE TAKEN TO FOREWARN THE RESIDENTS!
NOW I KNOW I'M DREAMING! I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO CRAZY IN MY LIFE!
THIS IS NO ILLUSION, DUNSTON! WE ARE IN THE PROTECTION BUSINESS... GUARDIANS OF HUMAN LIFE, ONE MIGHT SAY!
YEAH? WELL, WHAT AM I DOING HERE? HOW COME YOUR "REPRESENTATIVES" SINGLED ME OUT?
WE ARE A YOUNG, GROWING ORGANIZATION! AS SUCH, WE REQUIRE AN ARMY OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVES...MEN, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO SPIED YOU THROUGH THE FUTURITY GLASSES JUST YESTERDAY...
"YOU SEE, WE KNEW YOU WOULD BE JOBLESS THIS MORNING! IT WAS ALL FORESEEN THROUGH THE 'TIME LENSES,' 24 HOURS AGO..."
DON'T GO OFF MAD, HARRY! I JUST CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER MECHANIC... MY BUSINESS IS ON THE ROCKS!
MASTERS, YOU'RE JUST A MISER WITH A DOLLAR...THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LETTING ME GO!
IMAGINE THE NERVE OF THAT MASTERS... FIRING ME! I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM ONE OF THESE DAYS! OH, OH... IT'S RAINING HARD!
"WHEN MY AGENTS FILED YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT LAST NIGHT! I ORDERED THEM BACK TO THE GARAGE THIS MORNING, TO APPROACH YOU AS YOU LEFT..."
MR. DUNSTON, MAY WE HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
IT'S REGARDING A POSITION PAYING A HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK! WE'RE SURE YOU'LL BE INTERESTED!
...AND HERE YOU ARE, MR. DUNSTON! WELL, WILL YOU WORK WITH US? I THINK IT ONLY FAIR TO WARN YOU THAT THE JOB REQUIRES A GREAT AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY!
SURE... SURE! YOU CAN COUNT ME IN, MR. ER...
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I'M REFERRED TO AS "THE PROTECTOR," HARRY! NOW...HERE ARE YOUR GLASSES AND REPORT CARDS! REMEMBER...A REPORT MUST BE FILED ON EACH AND EVERY "ACCIDENT" YOU WITNESS THROUGH THE "TIME LENSES"!
BUT WHY IS THAT SO IMPORTANT, PROTECTOR?
WE MUST HAVE TIME TO SAVE THE PROSPECTIVE VICTIM! ALSO, THERE ARE SOME WHO WOULD USE THIS POWER TO FURTHER THEIR OWN ENDS!
THOSE REPORTS GIVE YOU A PICTURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON, EH? DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...I'LL PLAY IT STRAIGHT, PROTECTOR!
DOWN THE STREET, DOUBT CLOUDS THE MIND OF HARRY DUNSTON...
THAT CHARACTER SOUNDED ON THE LEVEL...AND I SURE SAW SUNSHINE WHEN I LOOKED THROUGH THESE PEEPERS UP THERE! BUT THIS COULD ALL BE A GAG!
I'M GOING TO GIVE THESE GLASSES A DOUBLE CHECK, BEFORE I BUY THAT STORY! SAY... THERE'S MY BUS UPTOWN!
AH...MADE IT! LET'S SEE IF I HAVE CHANGE...
OH, DEAR...
GOOD GRIEF! THAT MAN HAS LOST HIS SENSES! HE DELIBERATELY BOUNDED INTO THE AIR LIKE A GAZELLE!
YOU ALL RIGHT, MAC?
THESE PEEPERS ARE GENUINE ALL RIGHT! THAT BUS...THE REASON IT WASN'T THERE IS BECAUSE IT ISN'T SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON THE CORNER UNTIL TOMORROW AT THIS EXACT TIME!

WHY... JUST BY READING TOMORROW'S HEADLINES, A SMART GUY COULD MAKE A MINT WITH THESE BLINKERS! BUT I'D BETTER PLAY IT SAFE FOR A WHILE, UNTIL I LEARN ALL THE ANGLES!
LATEST STOCK QUOTATIONS
BUBBLING WITH ENTHUSIASM, THE NEW AGENT FOR "PROTECTION EXTRAORDINARY" IS ON THE JOB NEXT DAY...
AUTO COLLISION... FIFTH AND MAIN STREET... WILL HAPPEN AT EXACTLY 9:05 TOMORROW MORNING!
SCREECH!
MOVING ABOUT THE CITY DUNSTON RECORDS INCIDENT AFTER INCIDENT...
2:32 P.M.... FLIGHT NUMBER SIX CRACKS UP IN LANDING APPROACH!
AND FINALLY, AT DAY'S END...
ELEVEN "ACCIDENT" REPORTS... NOT BAD FOR THE FIRST DAY ON THE JOB! I'LL SURE BE GLAD WHEN I CAN MAKE SOME CASH OUT OF THIS RACKET! HEY... SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE!
HELP!
SOMEONE HELP ME, PLEASE!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW... IT'S MASTERS, THE GUY WHO FIRED ME AT THE GARAGE! TOMORROW HE'S SCHEDULED TO TAKE A DIVE IN THE DRINK... I COULD SAVE HIM, BUT WHY SHOULD I? I JUST WON'T FILE THE COMPLETE REPORT!
AFTER FILING HIS REPORTS, THE RUTHLESS DUNSTON IS QUESTIONED BY HIS SUPERIOR...
FOR THE LAST TIME, DUNSTON... ARE YOU SURE THESE REPORTS ARE COMPLETE? YOU FORGOT NOTHING?
WHAT ARE YOU GIVING ME THE THIRD DEGREE FOR? I TOLD YOU... THAT'S IT! I DIDN'T SEE ANY OTHER "ACCIDENTS"!

AWARE OF DUNSTON'S DECEITFUL LIE, THE *PROTECTOR* RELIEVES HIM OF THE AMAZING GLASSES AND FIRES HIM FROM THE ORGANIZATION..

SOMEHOW THOSE CHARACTERS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE MISSING ACCIDENT REPORT ON MASTERS! I'LL JUST COME BACK HERE SOME NIGHT AND LIFT THOSE GLASSES! AND AS FOR MASTERS... I'LL DROP BY THE BRIDGE TOMORROW AND WATCH HIM GO DOWN!

INDEED, HARRY DUNSTON *WILL* BE PRESENT AT THE BRIDGE TOMORROW, AS THE PROTECTOR AND HIS MEN REALIZED, WHEN THEY OBSERVED HIM *EARLIER*, THAT DAY...

WELL, HERE COMES MR. DUNSTON WITH HIS FIRST DAY'S REPORTS!

PUT ON YOUR FUTURITY GLASSES, QUICKLY! HE'S GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT ON THE BRIDGE TOMORROW!

WHAT?

AS THE THREE MEN GAZED THROUGH THEIR TIME LENSES, THEY HAD SEEN WHAT INDEED WAS HAPPENING *NOW* ON THE FOLLOWING DAY...

MASTERS, DUNSTON'S FORMER EMPLOYER, DIVES INTO THE RIVER, CLINGS TO DUNSTON AND SHOUTS FOR HELP!

IT'S HARRY DUNSTON...THAT TRUCK'S KNOCKED HIM INTO THE RIVER! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

SOMEONE HELP ME, PLEASE! I CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!

BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO REPORT THIS ACCIDENT *YESTERDAY*, DUNSTON, YOU *ALMOST* SEALED YOUR OWN DOOM! LUCKY FOR YOU *WE* SAW THE WHOLE THING THROUGH THE FUTURITY GLASSES!

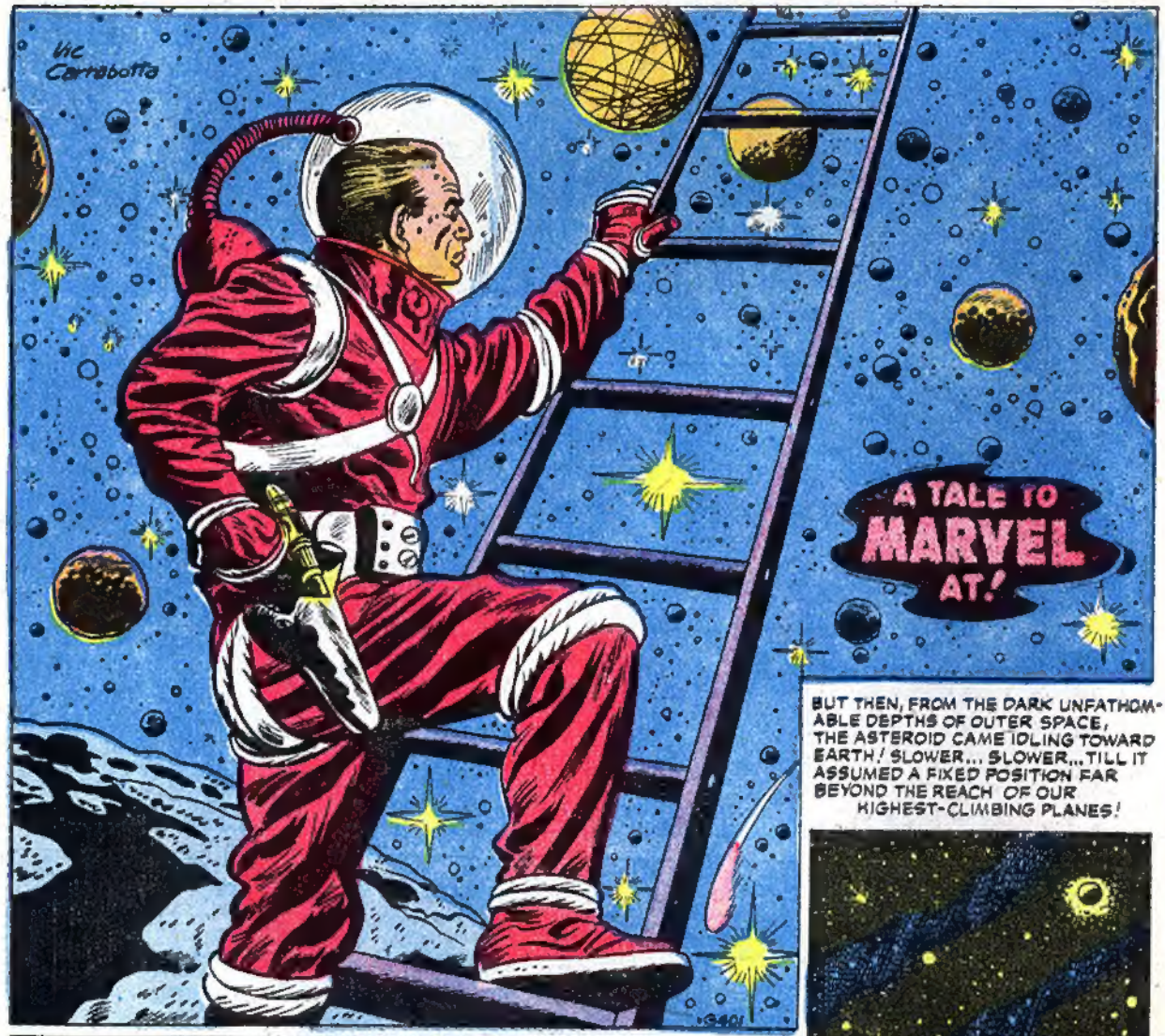
THEY'RE RIGHT! I WAS A FOOL! MY DECEIT ALMOST CAUGHT UP WITH ME! NEVER AGAIN! I'LL BE A CHANGED MAN FROM NOW ON!

THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN UNUSUAL STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

THE SCIENTISTS WERE SKEPTICAL OF DANIEL FARLEY'S THEORIES... AND HE HAD TO PROVE HIS BRILLIANT STORE OF KNOWLEDGE THE *HARD* WAY!

LAST SEEN CLIMBING A LADDER!

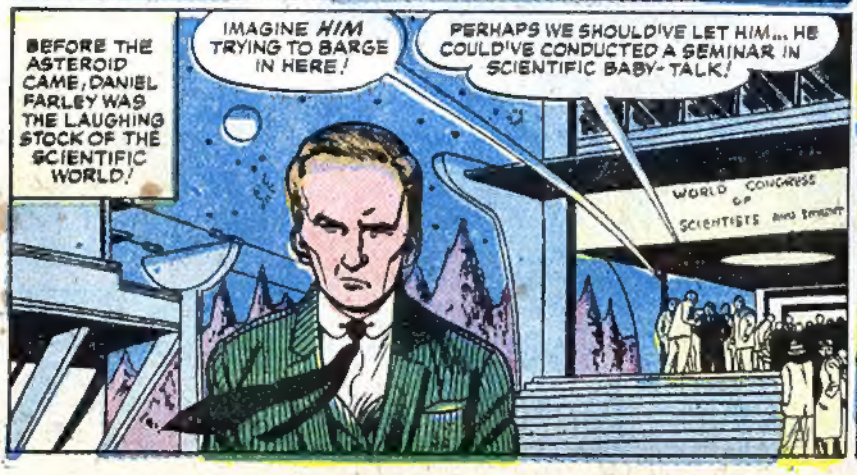


BUT THEN, FROM THE DARK UNFATHOMABLE DEPTHS OF OUTER SPACE, THE ASTEROID CAME IDLING TOWARD EARTH! SLOWER... SLOWER... TILL IT ASSUMED A FIXED POSITION FAR BEYOND THE REACH OF OUR HIGHEST-CLIMBING PLANES!

BEFORE THE ASTEROID CAME, DANIEL FARLEY WAS THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD!

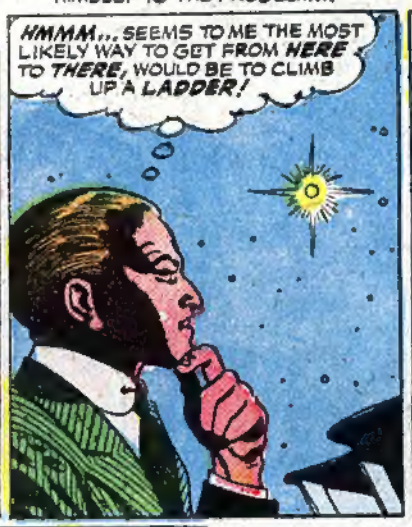
IMAGINE *HIM* TRYING TO BARGE IN HERE!

PERHAPS WE SHOULD'VE LET HIM... HE COULD'VE CONDUCTED A SEMINAR IN SCIENTIFIC BABY-TALK!



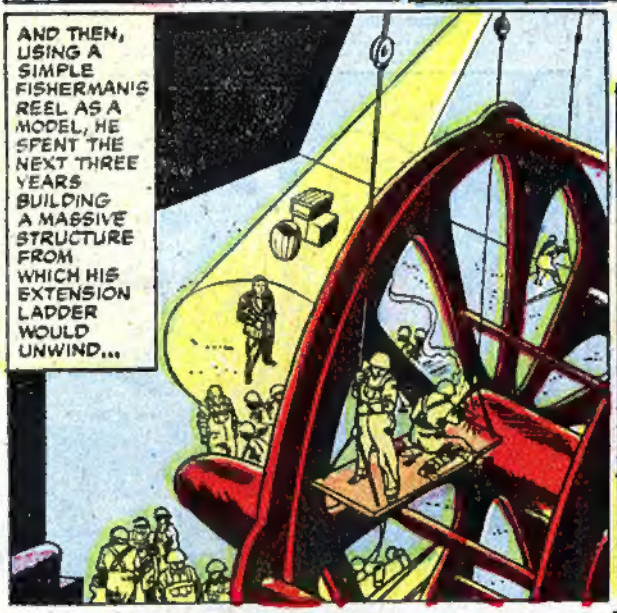
EVERY SCIENTIST IMMEDIATELY BENT TO THE TASK OF PERFECTING A ROCKET THAT WOULD REACH THE ASTEROID! AND WHILE WE PONDERED OVER OUR COMPLEX FORMULAE, THE WHOLE WORLD WAITED BREATHLESSLY...

NONE OF US KNEW AT THE TIME THAT DANIEL FARLEY, IN HIS OWN SINGLE-MINDED FASHION, WAS ALSO DEVOTING HIMSELF TO THE PROBLEM...

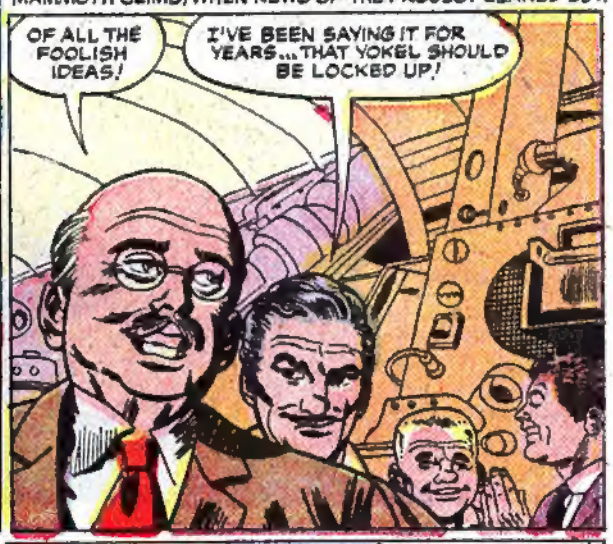


WHILE WE WERE STILL GRAPPLING WITH OUR EQUATIONS, HE MANAGED TO DEVELOP A METAL OF AMAZING STRENGTH...

AND THEN, USING A SIMPLE FISHERMAN'S REEL AS A MODEL, HE SPENT THE NEXT THREE YEARS BUILDING A MASSIVE STRUCTURE FROM WHICH HIS EXTENSION LADDER WOULD UNWIND...

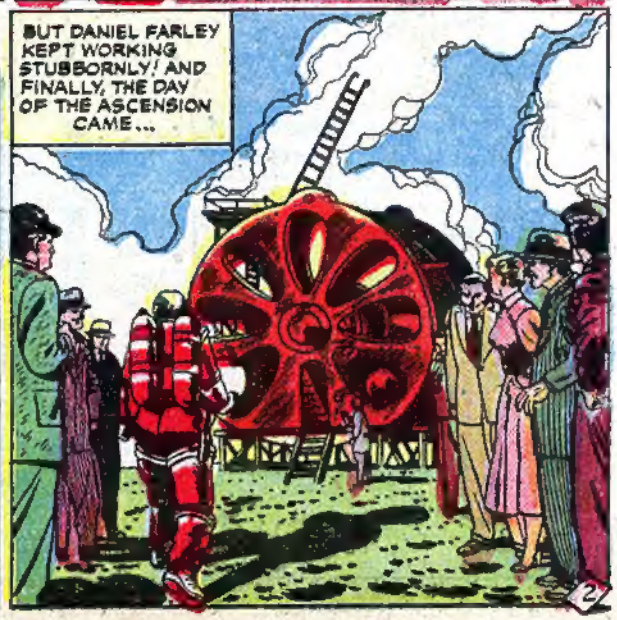


HE WAS STILL WORKING ON A CALORIC ENERGY PILL THAT WOULD SUPPLY HIS BODY WITH MOTIVE POWER FOR THE MAMMOTH CLIMB, WHEN NEWS OF THE PROJECT LEAKED OUT!

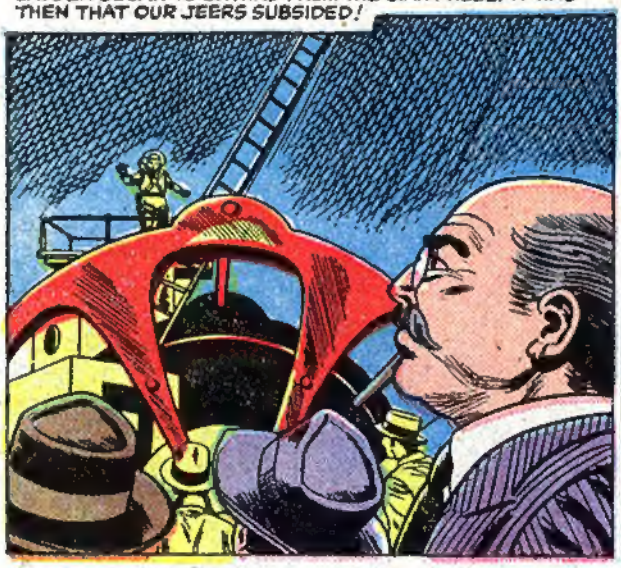


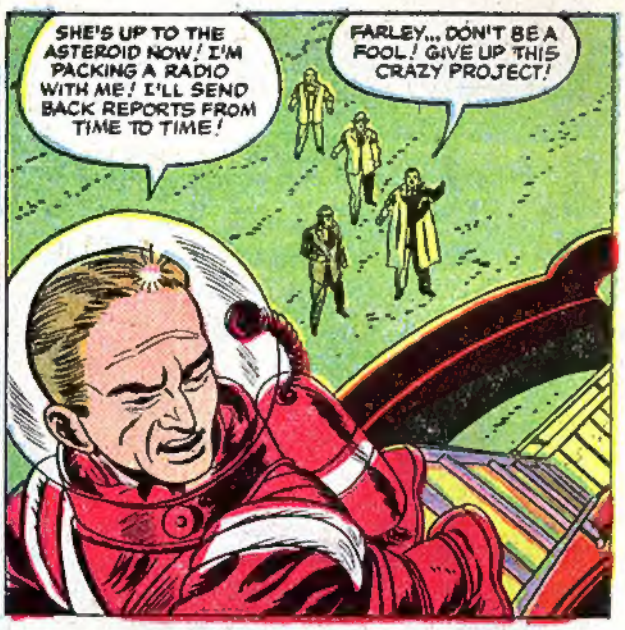
AND WHEN THE NEWSPAPERS GOT HOLD OF THE STORY, THE WHOLE WORLD JOINED IN ONE THUNDEROUS CHORUS OF JEERING LAUGHTER...

BUT DANIEL FARLEY KEPT WORKING STUBBORNLY! AND FINALLY, THE DAY OF THE ASCENSION CAME...

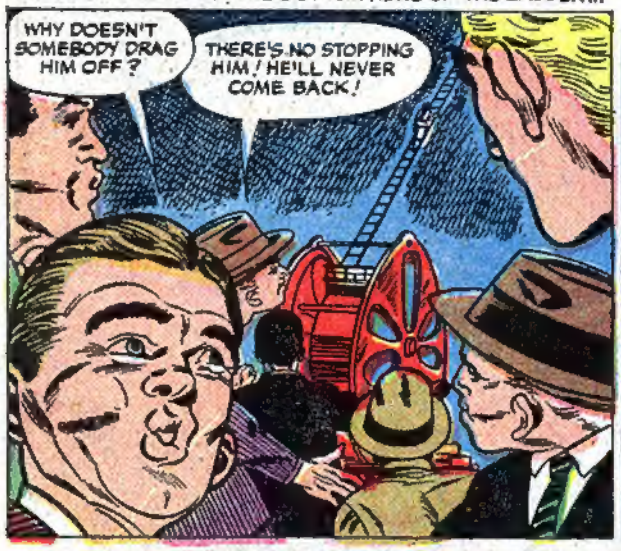


AT HIS SIGNAL, AN ASSISTANT PULLED A LEVER, AND THE LADDER BEGAN TO UNWIND FROM THE GIANT REEL! IT WAS THEN THAT OUR JEERS SUBSIDED!

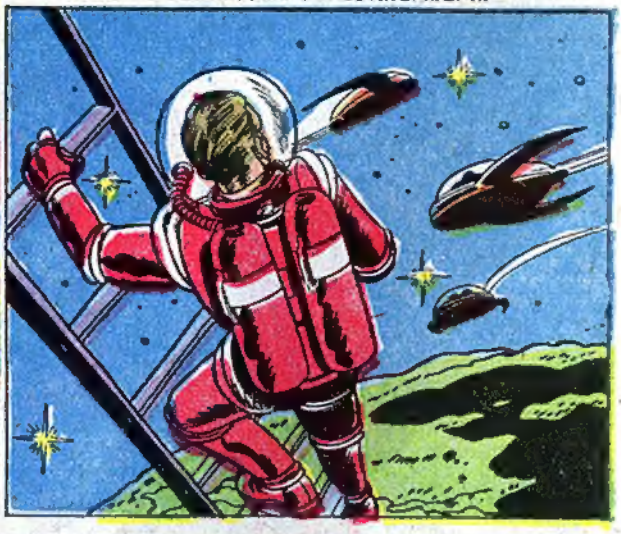



SHE'S UP TO THE ASTEROID NOW! I'M PACKING A RADIO WITH ME! I'LL SEND BACK REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME!
FARLEY... DON'T BE A FOOL! GIVE UP THIS CRAZY PROJECT!

BUT HIS ONLY ANSWER WAS TO SWALLOW A CALORIC ENERGY PILL, CLAMP DOWN HIS SPACE HELMET, AND PLACE HIS FOOT FIRMLY ON THE BOTTOM RUNG OF THE LADDER...



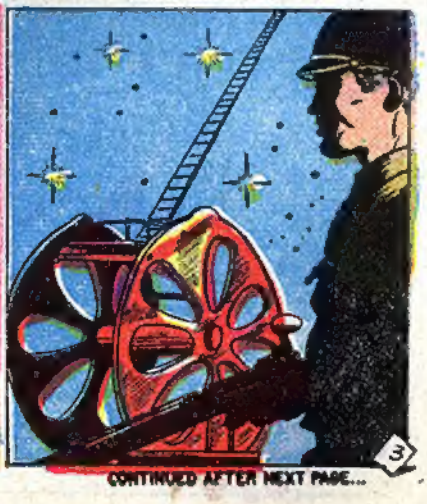
OUR HIGHEST-FLYING PLANES KEPT CIRCLING HIM! THEY WERE PREPARED TO CAST OUT SAFETY NETS IN THE EVENT HE SHOULD FALTER OR FALL! BUT DANIEL FARLEY KEPT CLIMBING SLOWLY AND SURELY... UP... UP...



...TILL AT LAST HE WAS LOST FROM VIEW IN THE LIMITLESS SHROUD OF OUTER SPACE! FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, HIS RADIO REPORTS CAME REGULARLY! THEN, THEY WERE WIDER-SPACED...

THEN THEY STOPPED ALTOGETHER!

AND SO TIME PASSED, AND THE REEL JUST STOOD THERE! THE GOVERNMENT FORBADE ITS DESTRUCTION, ON THE SLIM CHANCE THAT FARLEY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN SPACE! BUT NONE OF US REALLY BELIEVED THAT WAS POSSIBLE...



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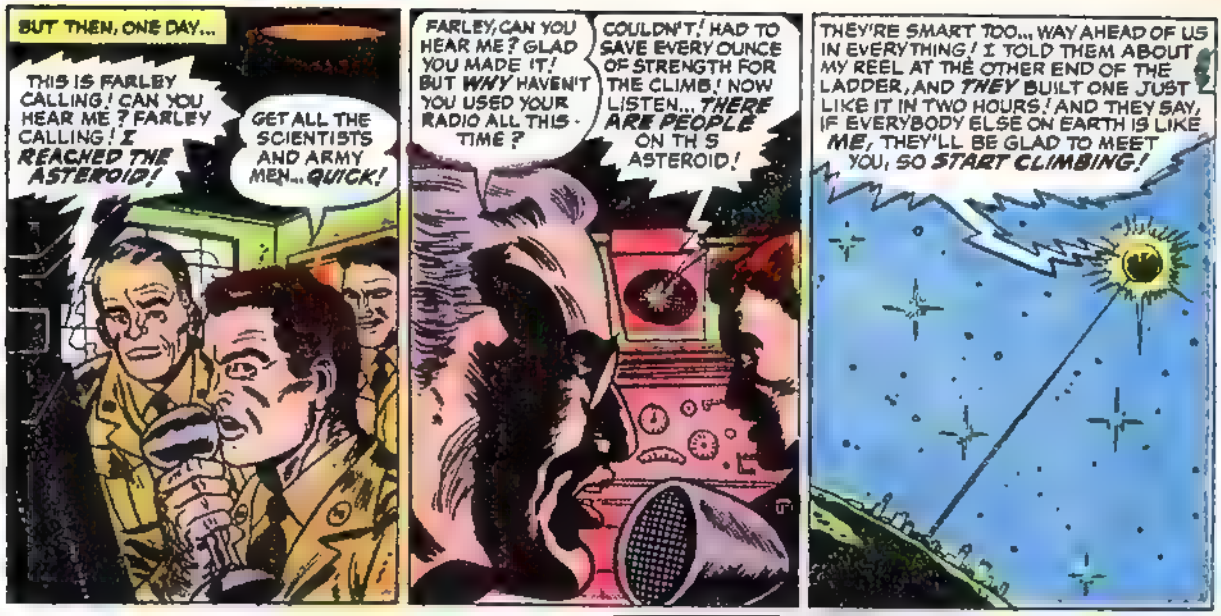
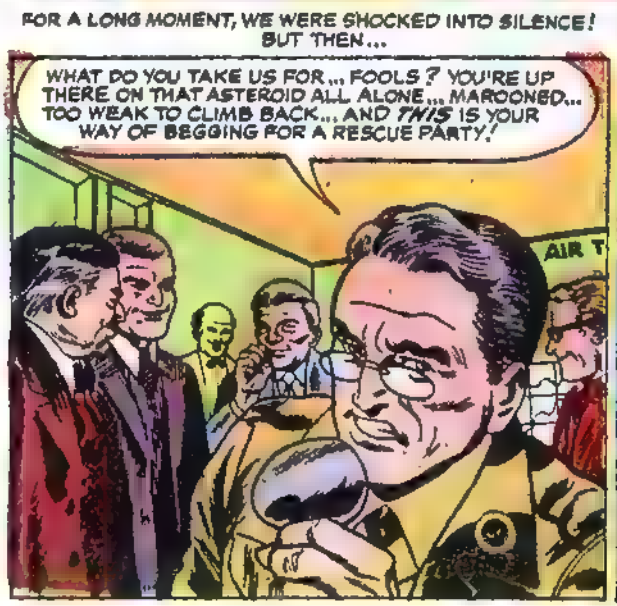

BUT THEN, ONE DAY...
THIS IS FARLEY CALLING! CAN YOU HEAR ME? FARLEY CALLING! I REACHED THE ASTEROID!
GET ALL THE SCIENTISTS AND ARMY MEN... QUICK!
FARLEY, CAN YOU HEAR ME? GLAD YOU MADE IT! BUT WHY HAVEN'T YOU USED YOUR RADIO ALL THIS TIME?
COULDN'T! HAD TO SAVE EVERY OUNCE OF STRENGTH FOR THE CLIMB! NOW LISTEN... THERE ARE PEOPLE ON TH S ASTEROID!
THEY'RE SMART TOO... WAY AHEAD OF US IN EVERYTHING! I TOLD THEM ABOUT MY REEL AT THE OTHER END OF THE LADDER, AND THEY BUILT ONE JUST LIKE IT IN TWO HOURS! AND THEY SAY, IF EVERYBODY ELSE ON EARTH IS LIKE ME, THEY'LL BE GLAD TO MEET YOU, SO START CLIMBING!


FOR A LONG MOMENT, WE WERE SHOCKED INTO SILENCE! BUT THEN...
WHAT DO YOU TAKE US FOR... FOOLS? YOU'RE UP THERE ON THAT ASTEROID ALL ALONE... MAROONED... TOO WEAK TO CLIMB BACK... AND THIS IS YOUR WAY OF BEGGING FOR A RESCUE PARTY!
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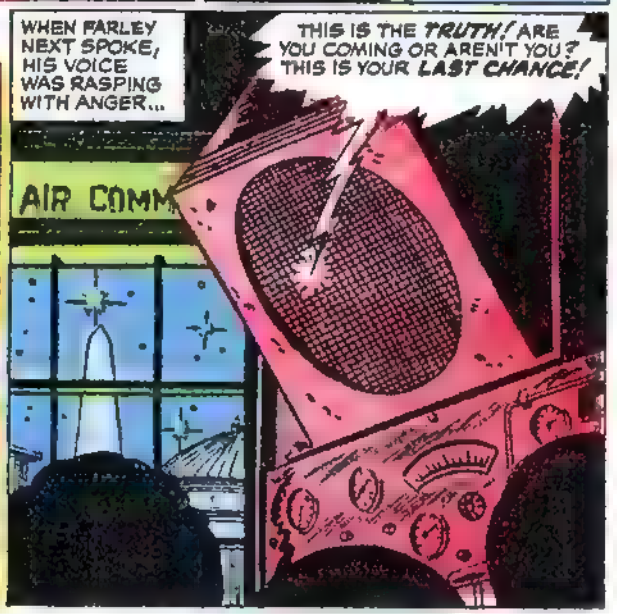
WHEN FARLEY NEXT SPOKE, HIS VOICE WAS RASPING WITH ANGER...
THIS IS THE TRUTH! ARE YOU COMING OR AREN'T YOU? THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!
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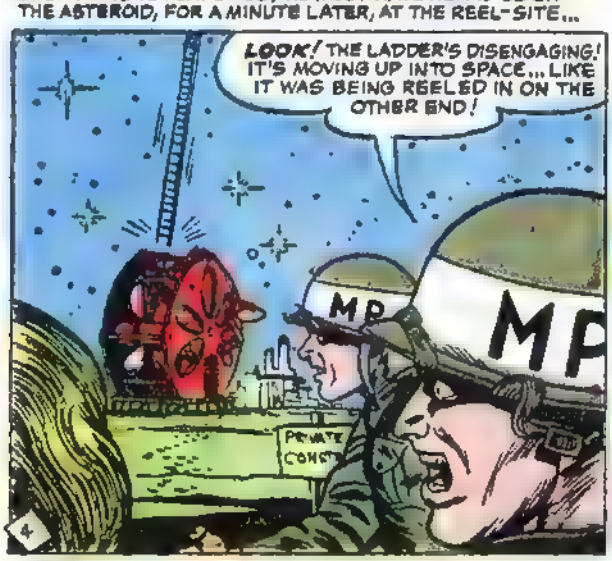
WE BURST INTO LAUGHTER AT THE HOAX WE WERE SURE HE WAS TRYING TO PLAY ON US! HE MUST HAVE HEARD US ON THE ASTEROID, FOR A MINUTE LATER, AT THE REEL-SITE...
LOOK! THE LADDER'S DISENGAGING! IT'S MOVING UP INTO SPACE... LIKE IT WAS BEING REELED IN ON THE OTHER END!
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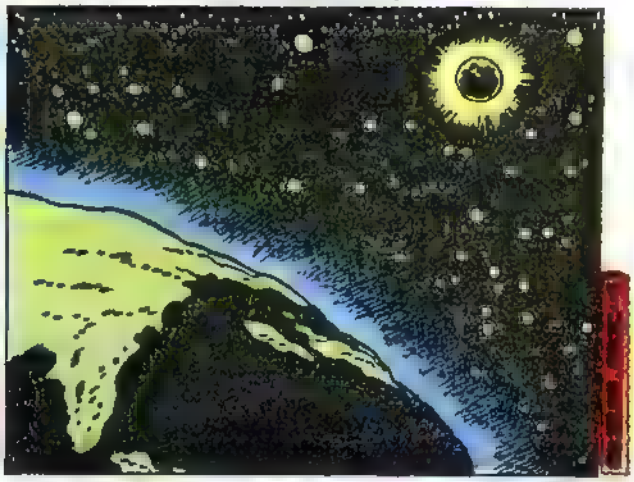
AND SO WE HAVE NEVER SEEN DANIEL FARLEY AGAIN, NOR HEARD HIS VOICE! WHAT HURTS MOST IS THAT, ALTHOUGH EVERY REPUTABLE SCIENTIST IS BENDING TO THE TASK, WE ARE UNABLE TO DUPLICATE FARLEY'S LADDER! AND THAT MEANS NONE OF US CAN CLIMB UP TO THE ASTEROID TO APOLOGIZE!

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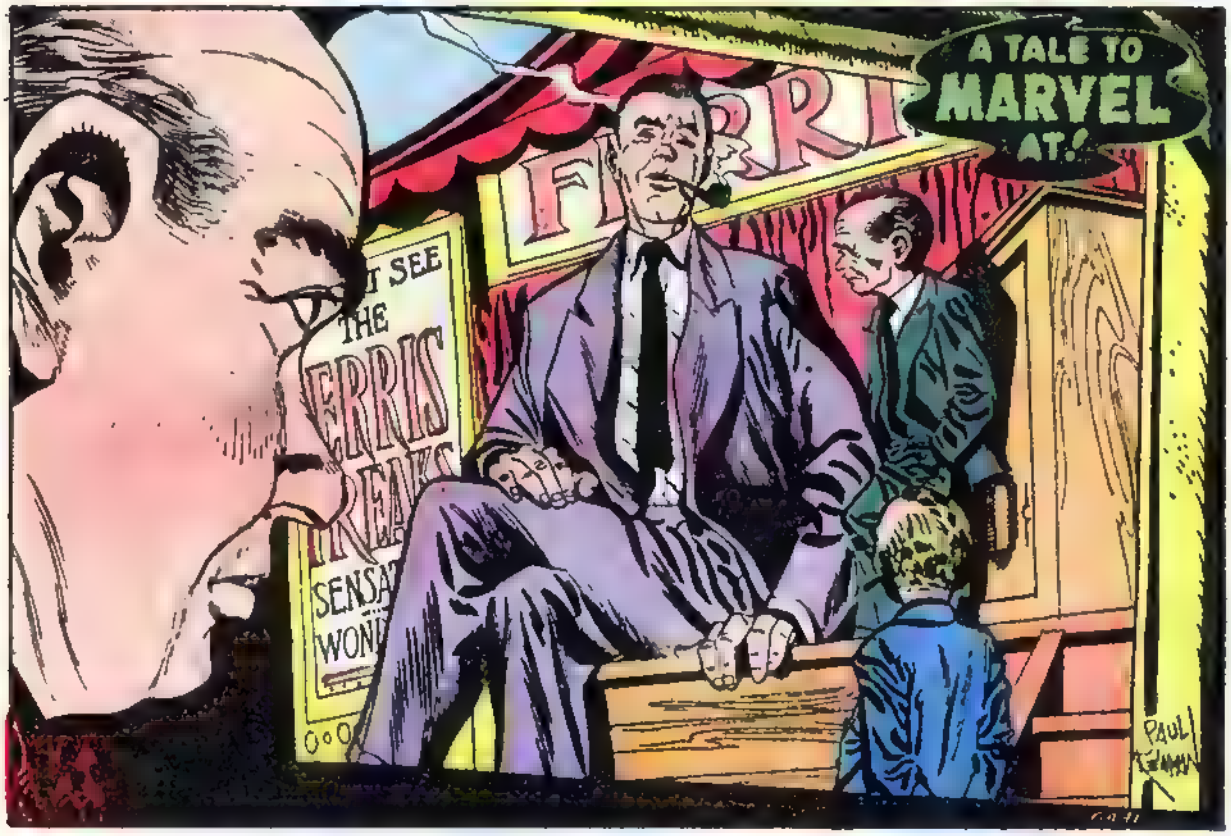
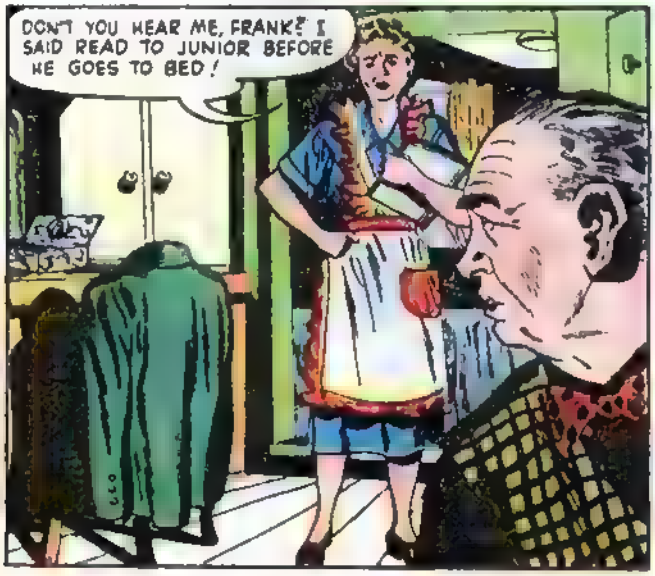
FRANK FERRIS LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW OF HIS TRAILER! THE FERRIS SHOW HAD BEEN LEFT TO HIM BY HIS BROTHER, AND FROM IT HE EKED OUT A SMALL LIVING! HE FELT A CLOSE KINSHIP WITH THOSE PEOPLE IN HIS SHOW, FOR THEY, DUE TO THEIR APPEARANCE, WERE DESTINED TO FAILURE IN A NORMAL WORLD, AND HE, THOUGH NORMAL, HAD ALWAYS BEEN A FAILURE TOO!

THE LITTLE MEN!

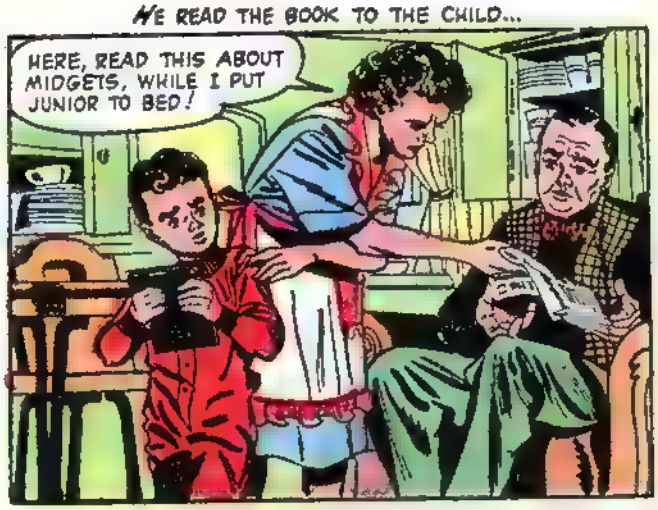


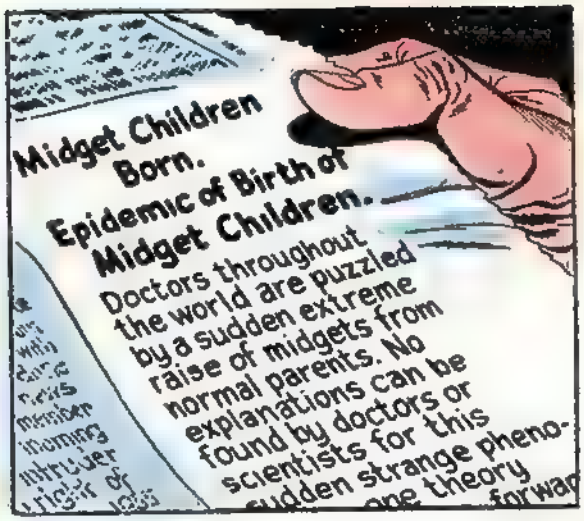
HIS WIFE'S NAGGING VOICE PIERCED HIS THOUGHTS, AND HE TURNED...



OH, NOT "THE LITTLE MEN" AGAIN, JUNIOR! I'VE READ IT EVERY NIGHT TO YOU! I SEE ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT AREN'T NORMAL, WITHOUT READING ABOUT THEM!
I LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT DWARFS, DADDY!

HE READ THE BOOK TO THE CHILD...




Midget Children Born.
Epidemic of Birth of Midget Children.
Doctors throughout the world are puzzled by a sudden extreme raise of midgets from normal parents. No explanations can be found by doctors or scientists for this sudden strange pheno-
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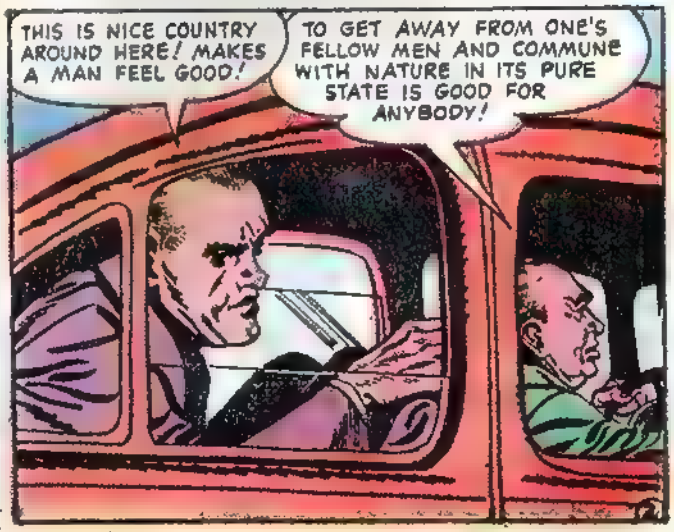
NOW YOU'D BETTER DISCHARGE OUR MIDGETS RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE WITH ALL THESE MIDGETS BEING BORN, THEY'LL NO LONGER BE AN ATTRACTION!
I CAN'T DO THAT, MABEL! WHERE WOULD COLONEL MITE AND HIS WIFE GO? WHAT COULD THEY DO? THEY COULDN'T GET A JOB!

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU! YOU'RE TOO SOFT-HEARTED! THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN A FAILURE ALL YOUR LIFE! YOU'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING WORTH-WHILE...

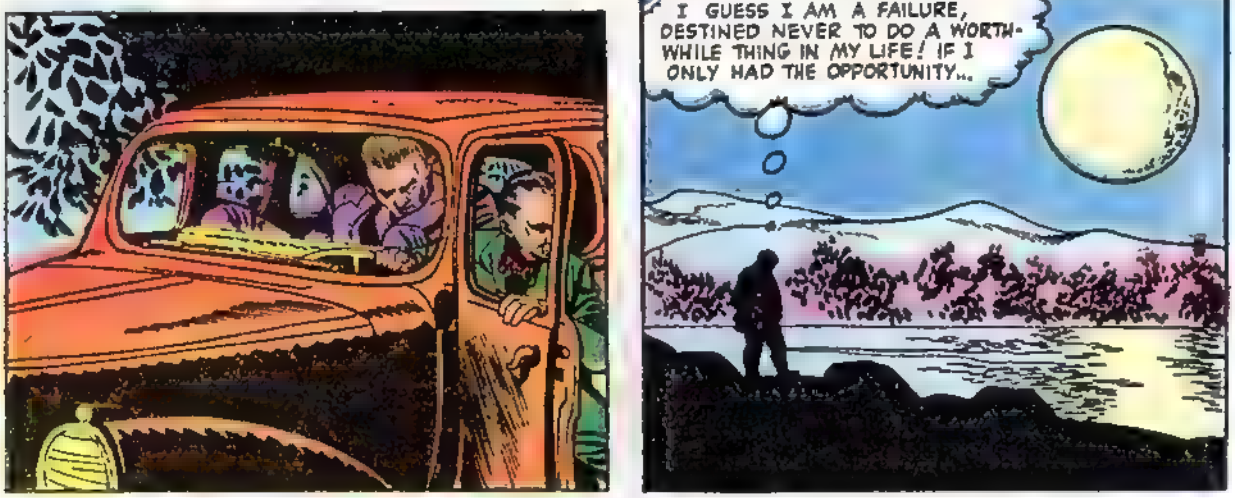
HE WALKED OUT INTO THE COOL NIGHT AIR! THE SHOW WAS QUIET, CLOSED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT...

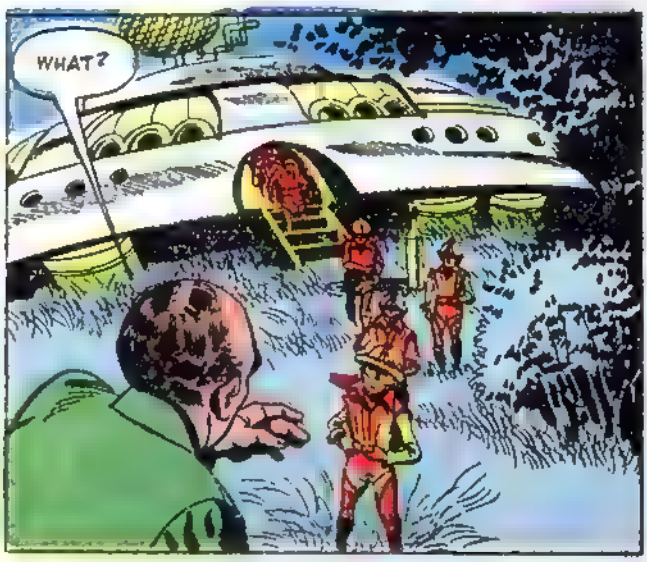
CLUNY, THE GIANT WAS A QUIET MAN AND HE AND FRANK UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER! THEY GOT INTO FRANK'S CAR AND DROVE AWAY IN QUIET FRIENDSHIP...


THIS IS NICE COUNTRY AROUND HERE! MAKES A MAN FEEL GOOD!
TO GET AWAY FROM ONE'S FELLOW MEN AND COMMUNE WITH NATURE IN ITS PURE STATE IS GOOD FOR ANYBODY!

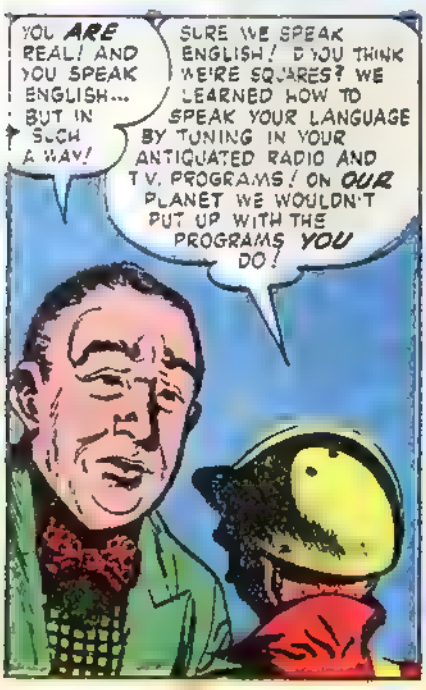
THE CAR SLOWED AND CAME TO A STOP NEAR A MOONLIT LAKE! IN THE BACK SEAT CLUNY WAS GENTLY SNORING...

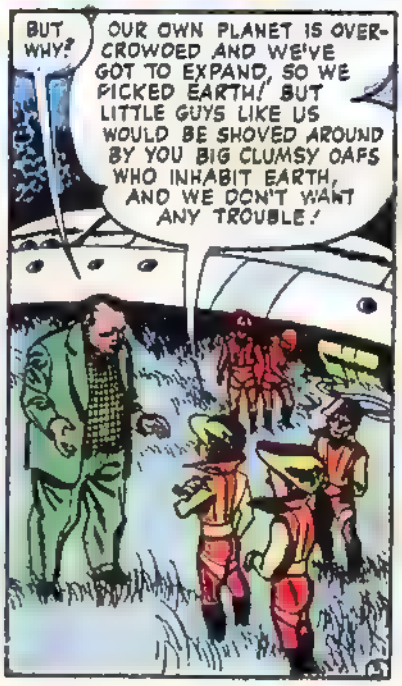
FRANK WALKED ALONG THE EDGE OF THE LAKE, TAKING SOLACE FROM THE NIGHT...



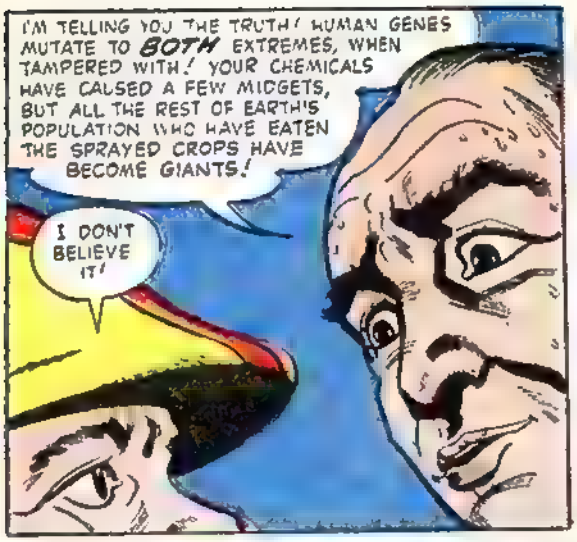


MUST BE A HALLUCINATION... MY MIND PLAYING TRICKS AFTER READING THAT BOOK TO JUNIOR AND THAT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE! YOU CAN'T BE REAL!
SURE, WE'RE REAL!


YOU ARE REAL! AND YOU SPEAK ENGLISH... BUT IN SUCH A WAY!
SURE WE SPEAK ENGLISH! D'YOU THINK WE'RE SQUARES? WE LEARNED HOW TO SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE BY TUNING IN YOUR ANTIQUATED RADIO AND T.V. PROGRAMS! ON OUR PLANET WE WOULDN'T PUT UP WITH THE PROGRAMS YOU DO!


BUT, WHY?
OUR OWN PLANET IS OVERCROWDED AND WE'VE GOT TO EXPAND, SO WE PICKED EARTH! BUT LITTLE GUYS LIKE US WOULD BE SHOVED AROUND BY YOU BIG CLUMSY OAFS WHO INHABIT EARTH, AND WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE!

BUT WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH SPRAYING THE CROPS?
WELL, WE SPRAY A SPECIAL CHEMICAL ON THE CROPS THAT WORKS ON THE GENES OF YOU EARTHLINGS, AND EVERYONE WHO EATS THE VEGETABLES, GRAINS AND FRUITS WE SPRAY, HAVE CHILDREN NO BIGGER THAN WE ARE!
SOON ALL HUMANS ON EARTH WILL BE TINY LIKE US, AND THEN WE CAN COME TO EARTH AND POPULATE IT! OF COURSE OUR GENERATIONS ARE ONLY TEN YEARS APART, SO WE'LL SOON POPULATE ALL OF EARTH'S SURFACE!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, POPS! THE PROBLEM NOW IS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN US AND KNOW OUR PLANS, AND WE CAN'T LET YOU TELL OTHERS! WHAT CAN WE DO WITH YOU?
SUDDENLY FRANK TURNED AND RAN...
HEY, COME BACK HERE!
GET THE GUY!
TALLY HO!
THE THING HAD TAKEN ON THE PROPORTIONS OF A BAD DREAM!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM US! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU INSIDE OUR SHIP AND DECIDE WHAT WE'LL DO WITH YOU!
HE KNEW HE WAS DONE, UNLESS HE COULD THINK OF SOMETHING! THEN THE IDEA CAME TO HIM!
WAIT! I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THIS! YOUR SPRAY HASN'T BEEN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL! IT HAS ONLY WORKED THE WAY YOU'VE PLANNED IT IN LESS THAN 10% OF THE CASES!
YOU CAN'T SQUIRM OUT OF THIS, WITH SOME FAIRY TALE!


I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH! HUMAN GENES MUTATE TO BOTH EXTREMES, WHEN TAMPERED WITH! YOUR CHEMICALS HAVE CAUSED A FEW MIDGETS, BUT ALL THE REST OF EARTH'S POPULATION WHO HAVE EATEN THE SPRAYED CROPS HAVE BECOME GIANTS!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU! LET ME GO BACK TO MY CAR!
IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, WE'LL GET YOU IN A HURRY! O.K., LET'S SEE YOU PROVE WHAT YOU SAID!

FRANK WALKED BACK TO THE CAR! FROM HERE, THE LITTLE MEN AND THEIR SPACESHIP WERE HIDDEN FROM VIEW, BUT HE KNEW THEY WERE WATCHING EVERY MOVE HE MADE...

A RUSTLE IN THE BUSHES CAME TO FRANK'S EARS! THERE WAS AN ALMOST SOUNDLESS WOOSH, AND SOMETHING SILVER STREAKED UPWARD AND WAS GONE IN A SECOND...

WHAT WAS THAT? YOU'RE WEARING A FUNNY EXPRESSION, FRANK! IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
IT WAS NOTHING, CLUNY! JUST THE WIND IN THE TREES! EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW!

THEY DROVE HOME IN SILENCE! FRANK BID CLUNY GOOD NIGHT AND WENT TO HIS TRAILER...

THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE AROUND HERE! MAYBE YOU THINK I'M NOT CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING WORTHWHILE, BUT I THINK I AM, AND YOU'D BETTER THINK SO TOO!
WHY... WHY YES, FRANK! ALL RIGHT!

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THE THINKER

IT isn't every day that an invention makes such a splash in the scientific world as the ETCL made. Every newspaper in the country played it up big, and the people . . . well, they thought it was the greatest thing that had happened since the invention of the wheel. And it probably was.

The ETCL was the Electronic Telepather, Computer and Logician. That meant it could answer any question that anybody at all wanted it to. And the best thing was, that you didn't even have to feed it tapes or questionnaires or anything. All you had to do was stand in front of it and *think* your question and in about half a second, the machine would answer you by loudspeaker. Its voice wasn't exactly the same as a human voice, but it could certainly be understood clearly enough. But the big story behind ETCL wasn't any of these things. The big story was that it couldn't be duplicated. You see, while it was being built, it was supposed to be just like all the other electronic brains that had been developed during the 1950's and 60's, but a lightning bolt came right down the drainpipe of the building. That shorted the circuits somehow, and that's what caused all the electronic impulses to twist themselves up and make different connections. Instead of being completely ruined, like everybody thought at first, it turned out to be this wonderful machine. The government called it the ETCL and set up a bureau to handle all the requests to use it.

Before you get too excited about adding your name to the millions of people already on the list, take a look at some of the case histories the government keeps about those who have already used the machine to answer their questions. Let's see . . . here's a good one. Mr. Frank C—, age 23, resident, New York City. He asked the machine a usual question, "How long will I live?"

And here's ETCL's answer. "You won't live as long as you want to, so you'd better make every moment count and do the best you can each day."

Well, Frank was pretty upset when he heard his answer because he had counted on having a very long life. He thought about it though, and decided he'd better do as the machine suggested and, here we are . . . here's the follow-up on the case. Frank rose to become Vice-President of the firm he was with and just recently married a fine girl.

That was only a little personal question, you say? All right, here's another case question. It was asked by Mr. Harvey J—, President of a Metal Company. He asked, "I'm planning a merger with another company and I want to know what per cent of profit I can safely keep away from the stockholders, and how little bonus I can give my employees."

The machine took a little longer to answer this one. Maybe it had to get a little bit more information from Mr. J's mind, because it's absolutely necessary that ETCL has *all* the facts. When it did answer, it said very plainly, "It will not be safe for you to make one penny more than is legally yours. The bonus you pay your employees should be higher than you think. It will not be safe . . ."

According to the government's records, at this point Mister J—ran out of the room where the machine was kept and went to look for a telephone. If he'd stayed a minute longer, he would have heard the rest of the machine's answer. It said, "It will not be safe for your own conscience. It will bother you forever if you do anything dishonest or unethical."

You may have guessed by now from those two reported case histories that the machine doesn't give as *definite* answers as some people might like to have. As a matter of fact, several people complained. But since the audiences with ETCL were free and considered part of a public service, they couldn't complain too loudly. People said they could have gotten just as good advice from their mothers or maybe their doctors, and maybe they could have, if they'd bothered to ask. Of course, there were still a lot of people waiting to see and talk to ETCL even in spite of all the complaints. Some of the scientists and physicists still wanted to check up on it though and see what they could find out. So one day after working hours a whole crew came into ETCL's room with all their instruments and tools.

They took the back off the machine and pulled out all the plugs and just looked in, sort of dazed.

"I've never seen anything like this before," one of the top elec-

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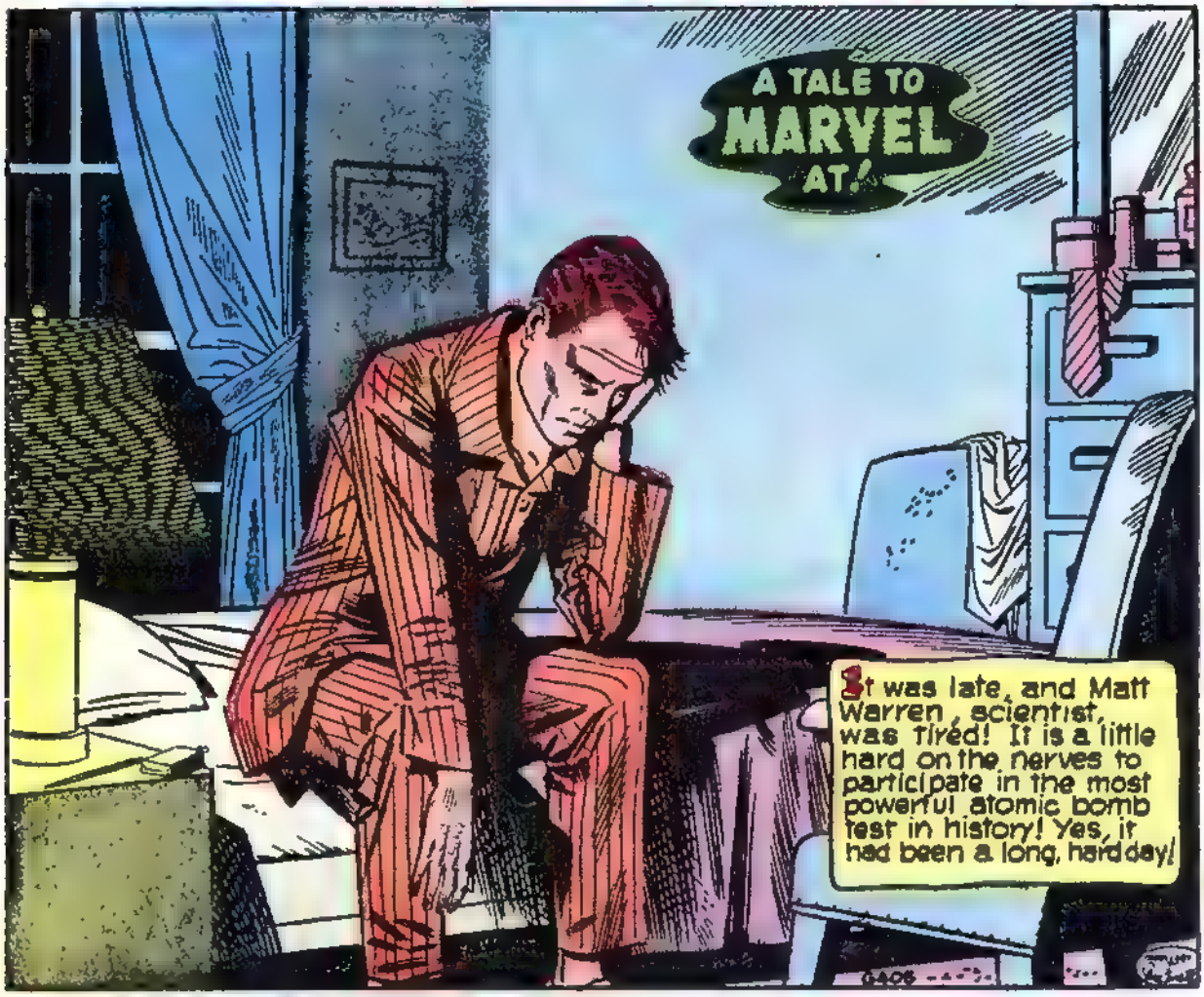
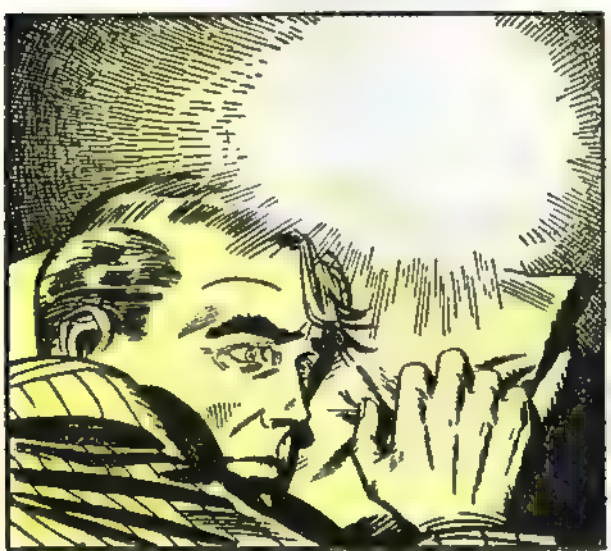
WHEN WARREN WOKE UP!

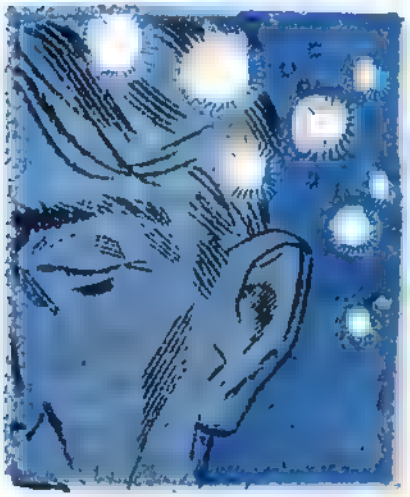

A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
It was late, and Matt Warren, scientist, was tired! It is a little hard on the nerves to participate in the most powerful atomic bomb test in history! Yes, it had been a long, hard day!

WARREN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CLEANSE HIS MIND OF THAT TERRIBLE LIGHT...

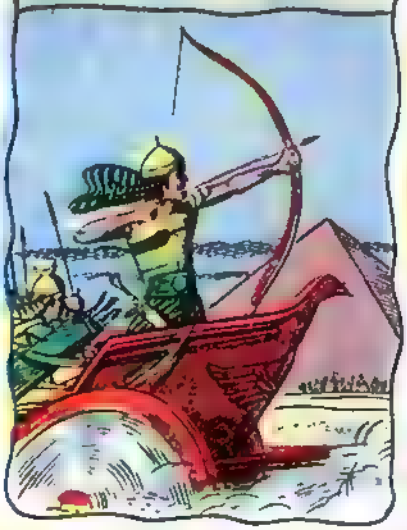


... AND THE RUSHING ... THE ROLLING OF THAT MONSTROUS WAVE ... DROWNING HIM IN A SEA OF SOUND AND FURY!

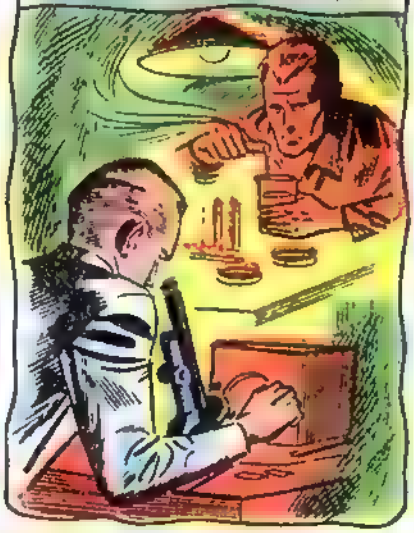
BUT SLEEP CAME, AS IT MUST IN TIME! AND THEN A STRANGE *DREAM* BEGAN ITS MAGIC TRACING!



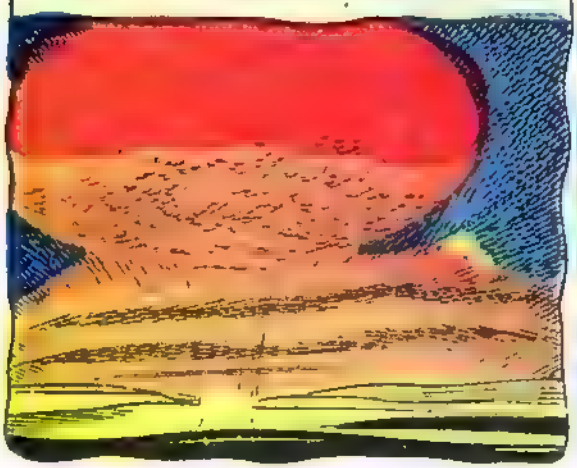
MAN IN HIS "GREAT WISDOM" HAD RULED THE EARTH FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS ...



... DEVELOPED NEW CIVILIZATIONS AND MADE GREAT ADVANCES IN SCIENCE ...

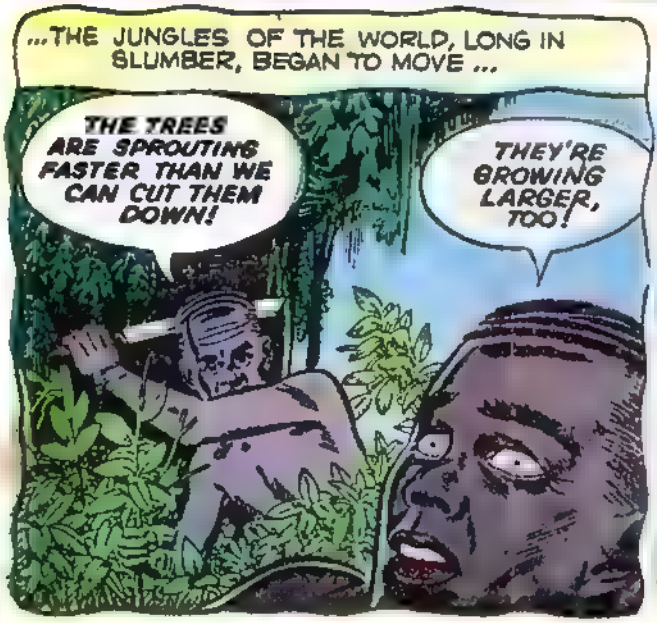


... AND KEEPING PACE WITH MAN'S SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HIS LIVING CONDITIONS, WAS MAN'S DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE ARMAMENTS...

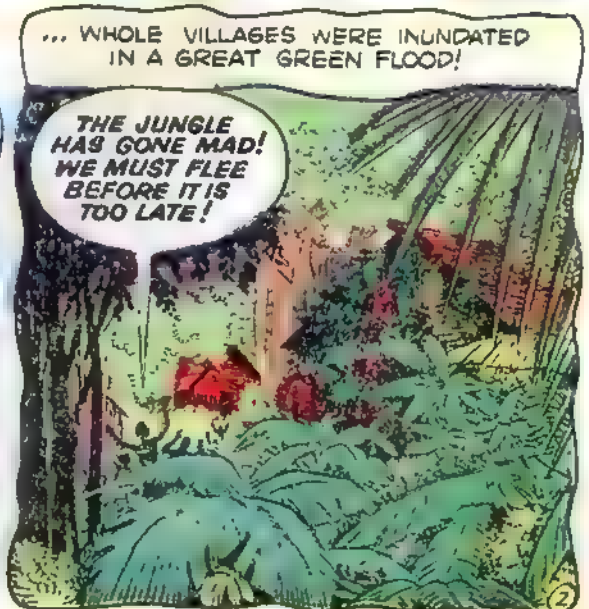


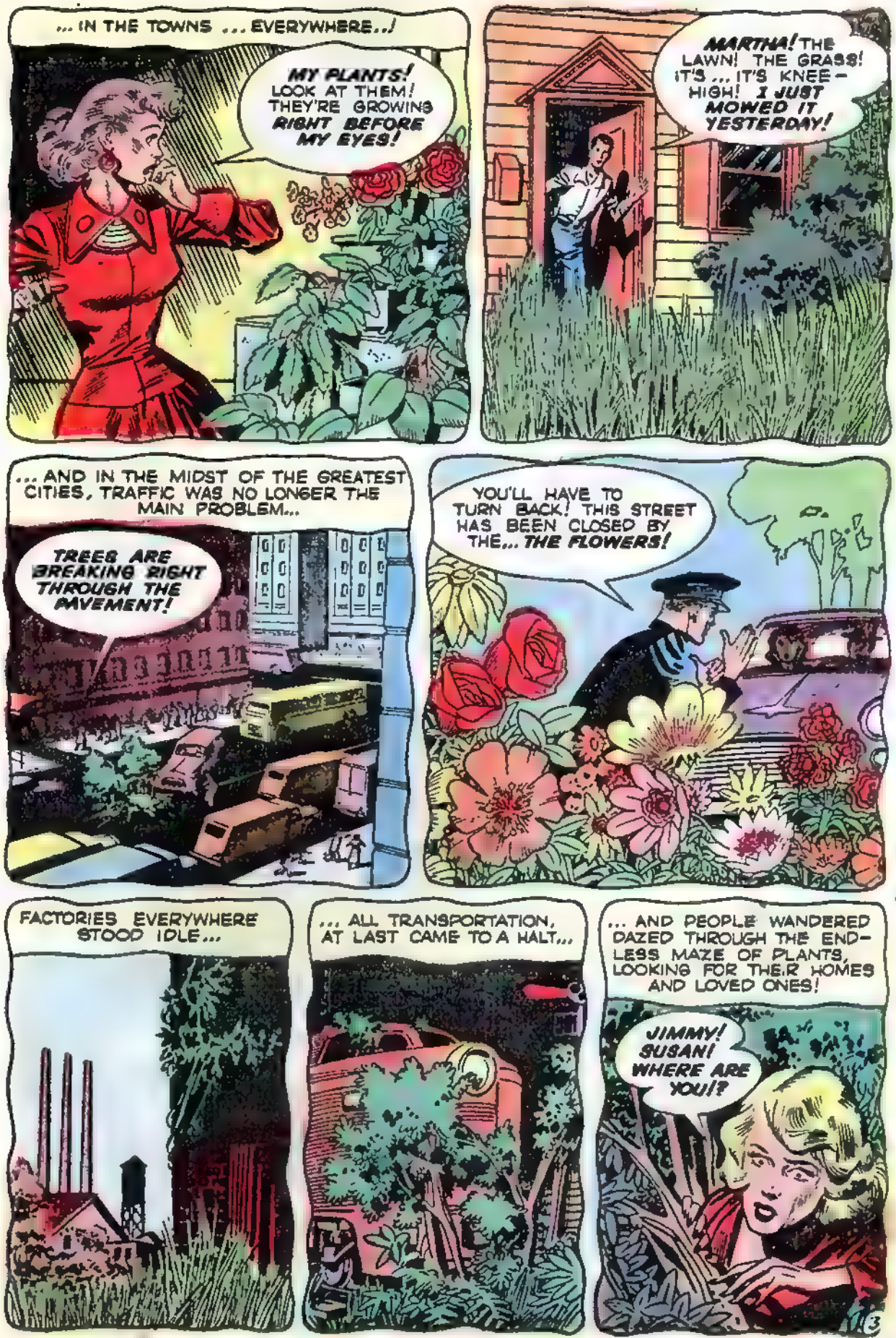
...THEN THE "ALARM" WAS SOUNDED! THE EARTH BEGAN A KIND OF SELF-DEFENSE! THE PLANTS, LONG THE SERVANTS OF HUMANITY, STARTED A WILD PERIOD OF GROWTH TO ENGULF MAN AND RENDER HIM HELPLESS, BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE...

...THE JUNGLES OF THE WORLD, LONG IN SLUMBER, BEGAN TO MOVE ...



... WHOLE VILLAGES WERE INUNDATED IN A GREAT GREEN FLOOD!




... IN THE TOWNS ... EVERYWHERE..!
MY PLANTS! LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE GROWING RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
MARTHA! THE LAWN! THE GRASS! IT'S ... IT'S KNEE-HIGH! I JUST MOWED IT YESTERDAY!
... AND IN THE MIDST OF THE GREATEST CITIES, TRAFFIC WAS NO LONGER THE MAIN PROBLEM...
TREES ARE BREAKING RIGHT THROUGH THE PAVEMENT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK! THIS STREET HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE... THE FLOWERS!
FACTORIES EVERYWHERE STOOD IDLE...
... ALL TRANSPORTATION, AT LAST CAME TO A HALT...
... AND PEOPLE WANDERED DAZED THROUGH THE END-LESS MAZE OF PLANTS, LOOKING FOR THEIR HOMES AND LOVED ONES!
JIMMY! SUSAN! WHERE ARE YOU!?

UNDER THIS COMMON PERIL, MAN SOON FORGOT HIS HATES AND BEGAN TO WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM EXTINCTION...
WE HAVE A CHANCE IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER... COOPERATE!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
IT IS TIME WE REALIZED THAT ALL MANKIND MUST BAND TOGETHER AND FIGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE AGAINST OUR COMMON ENEMY!
THEN THE IMAGES FADED WITH THOSE LAST WORDS ECHOING THROUGH WARREN'S WAKING BRAIN! HE GROPED FOR THE LIGHT SWITCH...
WHAT A NIGHT! MY NERVES MUST BE SHOT!
CLICK
AM I GLAD THAT WAS ONLY A DREAM!
SUDDENLY, WARREN HEARD A SOUND AT THE FRONT DOOR... LIKE A GENTLE KNOCKING..!
NOW WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR!?
JUST A MOMENT... I'M COMING!
THE END!

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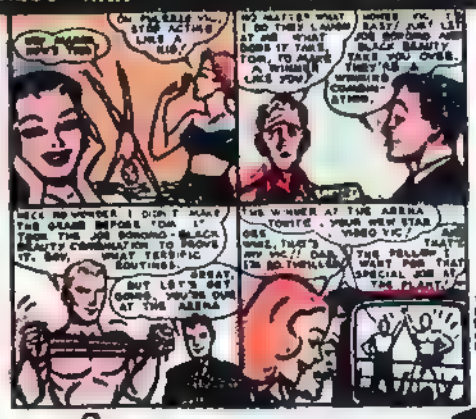
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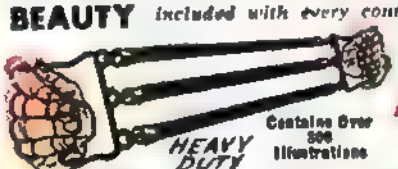

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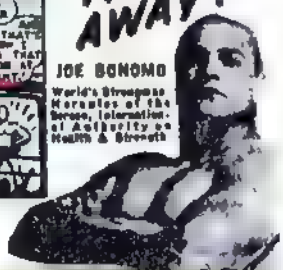

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tricians said.

"Boy, that lightning flash really must have jolted this one up," another fellow said. But anyway, with all those top-notch people there, do you know that not *one* of them could make heads or tails of the insides of that machine? So they all had a big top-level conference, and the only thing to do was let the machine keep answering people's questions anyway. After all, some people, they figured, might not be satisfied with the answers, but as far as anybody knew, ETCL never really gave anybody *wrong* advice.

It was just about this time that a reporter, George Collins, came on the scene. Of course, there were always a lot of reporters and news analysts running around trying to pick up information about ETCL, but George Collins was really interested in every little detail. He'd poke around wanting to know the whole history of the construction and he'd question people who had talked to the machine and then follow up on them and find out how the information or advice worked in their particular case. After about a month, Collins knew more about ETCL than anybody in the government or any of the scientists who had built it.

It's funny, but every time Collins was questioned himself (and even once he was given the chance to talk to ETCL himself, but he turned it down) he never told anybody just *why* he was so interested. "Just curious," he'd always tell them. But in a lot of people's opinion, it was more than curiosity, and though it's supposed to be a secret, guards were doubled around the "brain" after George started writing his story. But all George would ever say was, "I've got a theory that I'm working out."

One day the people in charge of ETCL got a little tired of George doing all this "snooping around," as they called it, so a very high-ranking official called George into his office and demanded that he tell them everything he was working on.

"After all," the official said, "if you're planning to release any information about ETCL, we should have the right to see it first . . . just to weed out any erroneous facts, of course."

George knew what was going on all right, but he didn't let on for a second that he knew he was just being pumped for information.

"No, it's just a theory," George said, as he'd been saying all along.

"What kind of theory, young man?" the official asked him.

George finally saw that he was, in a manner of speaking, trapped, and he decided to tell them everything he knew.

"All right, I'll tell you," George said. "I've been checking every answer ETCL has given, and I think I've found out something. That machine doesn't have an original idea in its head . . . uh, I mean tubes."

This confused that official pretty badly, because this machine had been thought to be pretty smart. But he held his tongue and just said, "Oh, really?"

Then George pulled the clincher out of his briefcase. "Here's an answer ETCL gave Mrs. Gregory L—, housewife, on April 16. It's a direct steal from an early 19th century philosopher."

George's examiner looked over the material pretty thoroughly, then had to admit the reporter was right.

"And here's another," George told him. "This one ETCL apparently translated from an old Italian Duke, and this one's from the Bible, and *this* one . . ." George kept pulling paper after paper from his folders.

"Wait just a minute," the official was very unnerved. "Do you mean to tell me that everything this machine says is taken from another person's books or manuscripts?"

"That's just what I'm saying," George concluded. "And believe me, on some of them, I really had to dig to find the source material . . . but eventually, I've been able to get every one of them so far."

George lit a cigarette and chuckled. "This means that all the time everybody thought that machine was so smart, it was just taking all its words from something that any one of us could have found if we'd taken a little time."

Nobody knows yet what happened to that machine when the bolt of lightning hit it. There've been a dozen or more theories about it rearranging atoms of knowledge, and some other theories. But one thing is sure . . . that old ETCL proved its worth all right, but not in the way people were thinking. What it *did* do was, I guess you'd call it, just point the way. It made people re-examine every bit of knowledge they had, or could get their hands on, and apply it to their own problems. And as far as anybody could see, just to be able to do *that* much, made that machine a good bit smarter than some people.

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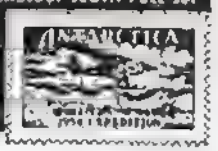

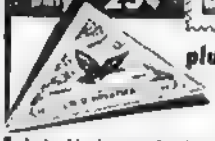

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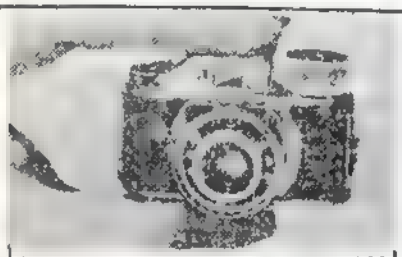

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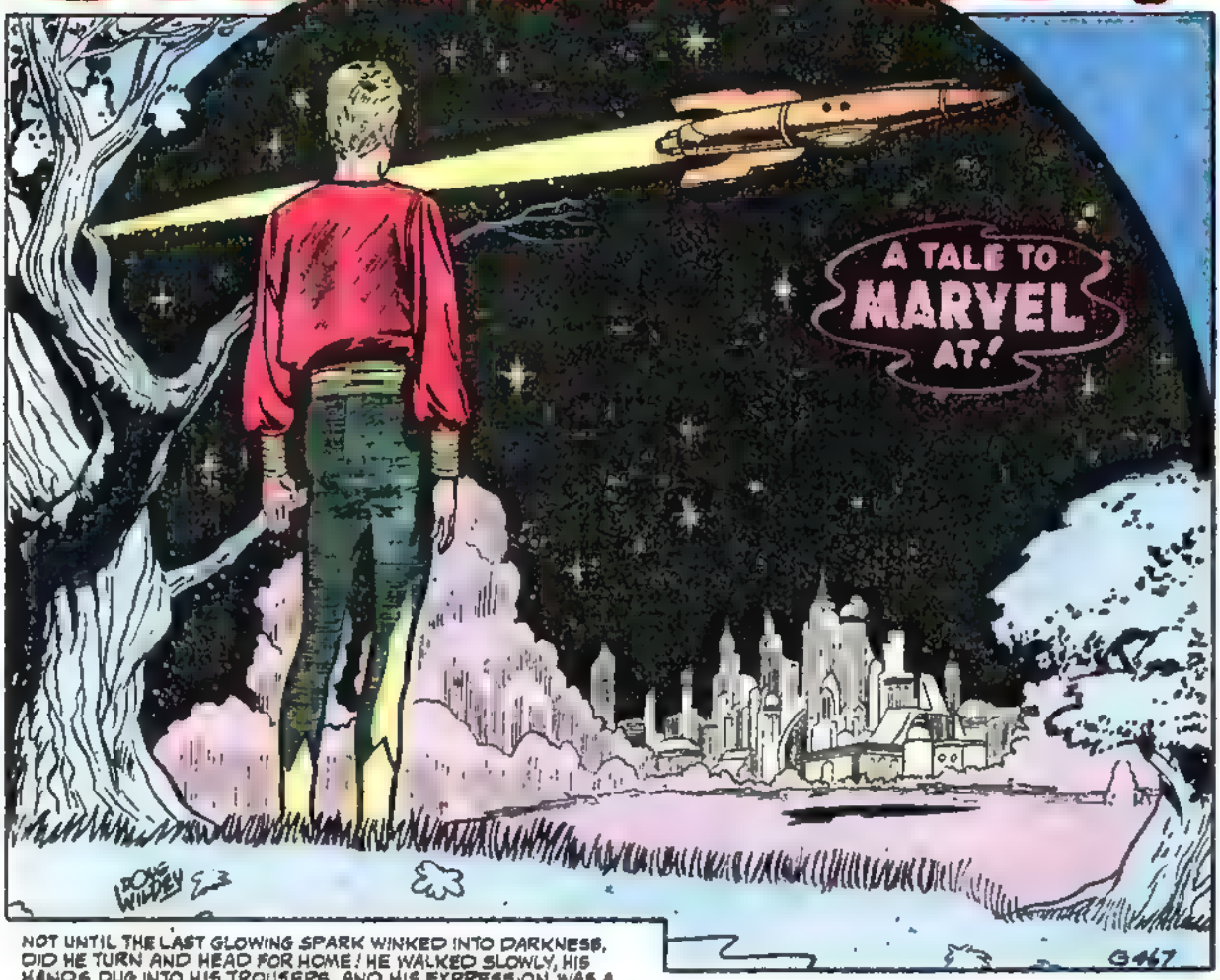
CRACK-UP!



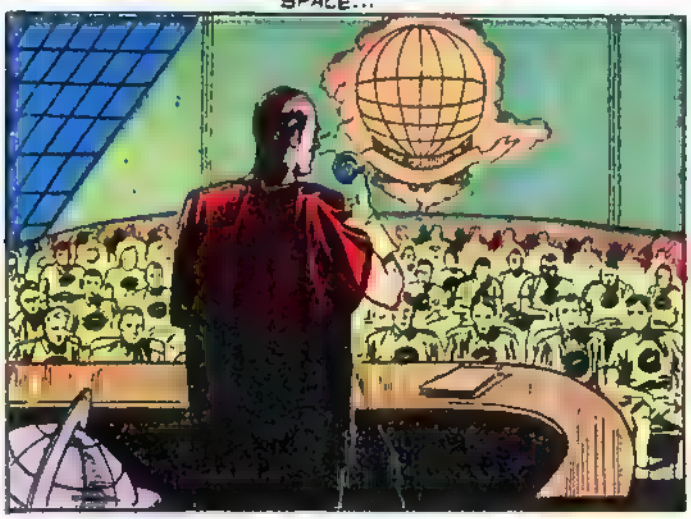
NOT UNTIL THE LAST GLOWING SPARK WINKED INTO DARKNESS, DID HE TURN AND HEAD FOR HOME! HE WALKED SLOWLY, HIS HANDS DUG INTO HIS TROUSERS, AND HIS EXPRESSION WAS A MIXTURE OF AWE AND LOVE...

ONCE AGAIN HE HAD TO STOP AND LOOK BACK, AT THE SOMBER DARKNESS AND AT THE SILENT STARS... AND AS ALWAYS, THE SAME FERVENT WORDS WOULD PASS HIS LIPS...

BUT TO JAYSON, IT WAS MUCH MORE THAN A BOYISH DREAM, AND EVERY WALKING MOMENT WAS SPENT IN TURNING THIS AMBITION INTO A LIVING REALITY...

THE YEARS PASSED, AND AS IT SHOULD BE, HIS CONTINUOUS DEVOTION TO HIS STUDIES WAS PROPERLY REWARDED..

IT WAS A GREAT MOMENT WHEN HE SAT WITH THE OTHERS IN THE GREAT HALL! THEY WERE A SELECT GROUP..THE FINEST YOUNG MEN ON ALL OF EARTH...THE MEN WHO WOULD SOMEDAY COMMAND HER VAST ROCKET FLEET ALONG THE AIR LANES OF SPACE...



THE MONTHS PASSED, AND JAYSON SWEPT THROUGH HIS COURSES WITH ASTONISHING SPEED...

THE FIRST ROCKET FUEL WAS HYDRAZINE! IT WAS SUCCESSFULLY ENGINEERED ABOUT TWO CENTURIES AGO IN THE YEAR 1945!
EXCELLENT, JAYSON!

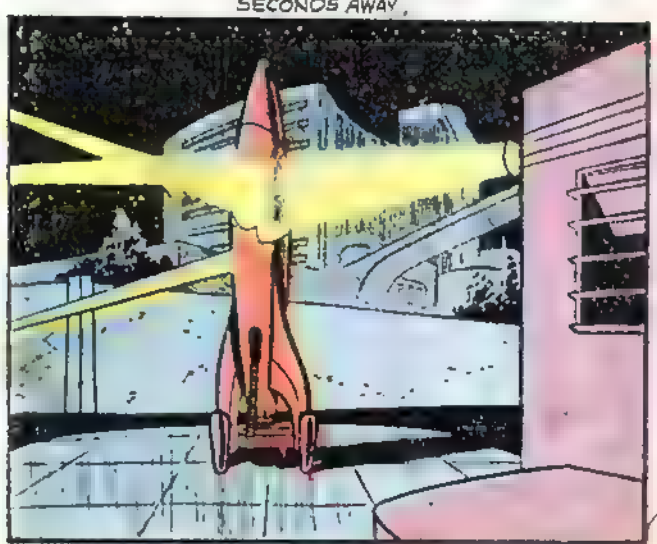
GRADUATION DREW NEAR, AND THE RIGOROUS PROGRAM BECAME A GRUELING AFFAIR! THE CLASSROOM WORK WAS BEHIND THEM, AND IN THE ROCKET TRAINERS, THE FUTURE PILOTS GRAPPLED WITH THEIR FINAL PROBLEMS.

HE REPORTED THE NERVOUSNESS SHOWING IN HIS EYES, THE DRAWN EXPRESSION AND THE WAY HE SPOKE..

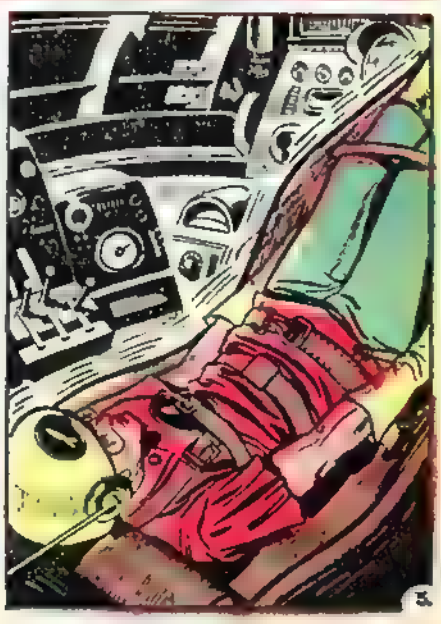
YOU HAVE A BRILLIANT RECORD WITH BUT ONE EXCEPTION! YOUR EMOTIONAL STABILITY BECOMES ERRATIC UNDER PRESSURE! IT'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!
I'M NOT WASHED OUT? I'VE LIVED FOR THIS!

WE ALL CAN'T FLY! YOU HAVE A BRILLIANT SCHOLASTIC RECORD! THE INSTITUTE COULD USE YOU IN RESEARCH!
I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR RESEARCH! I CAME TO FLY!

THE HOURS PASSED, AND THE APPOINTED TIME DREW NEAR! UNDER THE FLOODLIGHTS, THE METALLIC HULL GLISTENED LIKE A SILVER BULLET! THE BLAST-OFF TIME WAS BUT TWO SECONDS AWAY.



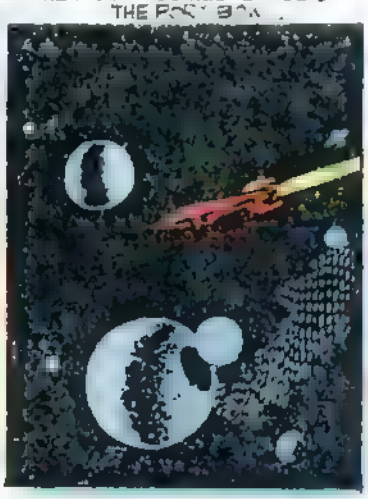
IT CAME WITH THUDDING FORCE, DRIVING HIS BODY BACK INTO THE SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED SEAT! THE PRESSURE SNAPPED HIS EYE-LIDS SHUT, AND THE ACCUSTOMED MOMENTARY BLACKOUT FOLLOWED..



SLOWLY THE PRESSURE LESSENED AS THE FORWARD THRUST OF ACCELERATION QUICKENED! WITH PRECISE TIMING, THE SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED SEAT SNAPPED FORWARD AND CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED LIKE A FLOWING STREAM..

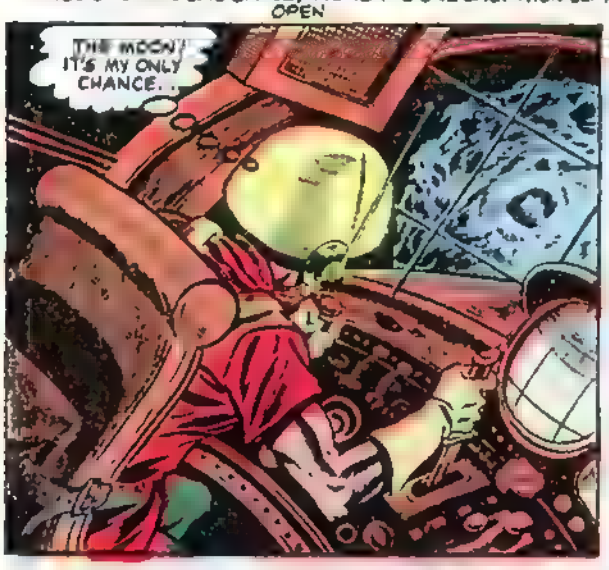
LIKE A SILVER NEEDLE, IT THREADED ITS WAY THROUGH THE STAR-FILLED NIGHT, WHILE THE EARTH FELL AWAY LIKE A WHIRLING STONE! TIME AND DISTANCE SPED BY AND SOON THE MOON LOOMED LARGE OFF THE PORT BOW..

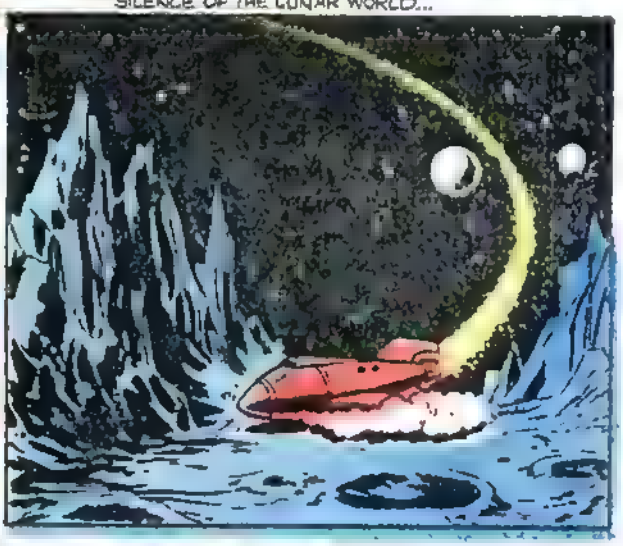
THEN IT HAPPENED! A SERIES OF ECHOING BLASTS THE NUMEROUS INSTRUMENTS SPUN FITFULLY AND A THROBBING VIBRATION RACED THROUGH THE SHIP FROM STEM TO STERN..



DOWN THEY DOVE, MAN AND SHIP.. DOWN THROUGH A SPIRALING ABYSS OF DWINDLING SPACE, AND TO THE ONE SALVATION LEFT OPEN

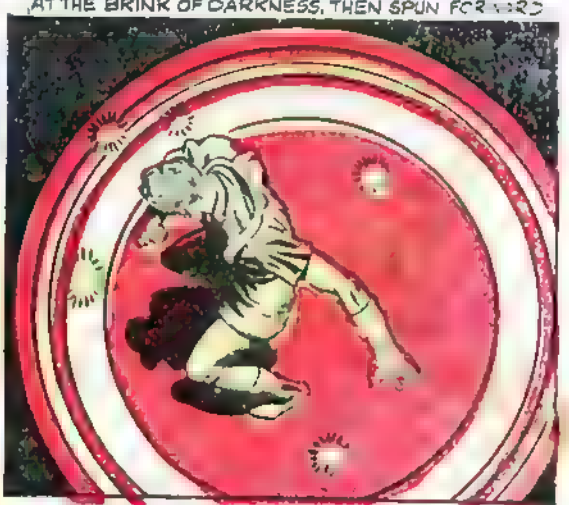
BENEATH THE JUTTING HEIGHTS OF CRAGGY PEAKS HE SCARED IN.. DOWN TO THE SANDY BOTTOM, WHERE THE CRUSH OF METAL PRODUCED NO SOUND IN THE DEAD SILENCE OF THE LUNAR WORLD...





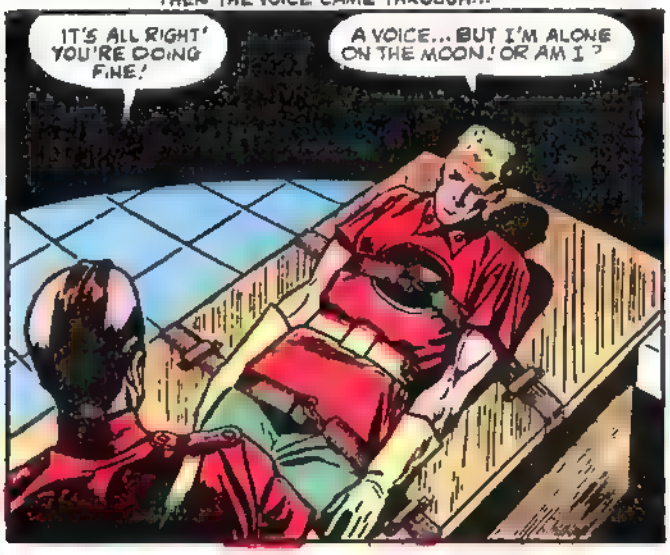
AND INSIDE THE SHIP, TREMBLING FINGERS THREW A SWITCH, BUT NOTHING FOLLOWED.. NO SOUND...NO VOICE..

HIS VISION BLURRED AND ONCE AGAIN HE TEETERED AT THE BRINK OF DARKNESS, THEN SPUN FORWARD



...AND AS HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, THE LAST THOUGHT IN HIS MIND WAS THE REALIZATION THAT INTERPLANETARY FLIGHT WAS BEYOND HIS PHYSICAL CAPACITIES! HE JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT!

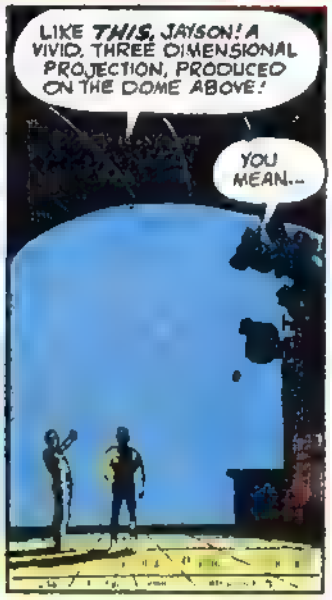
FOR A LONG WHILE, THE BLACKNESS RULED SUPREME, BUT THEN RELUCTANTLY MOVED ON! THERE CAME A GLIMMER OF LIGHT, AND THEN THE VOICE CAME THROUGH...



DAZEDLY HE SAT THERE, STILL NOT BELIEVING...

THE ROCKET YOU SUPPOSEDLY LEFT IN, IS A SPECIAL PROP.. USED FOR DOUBTFUL TRAINEES! ONLY, THE BLAST WAS REAL! WHEN YOU BLACKED OUT, YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE!
BUT THE MOON... THE CRATER!

THERE WAS A SHARP CLICK, AND THEN SUDDEN DARKNESS! THEIR WORLD VANISHED, AND THE SCENE OF HIS RECENT DESPAIR DRAMATICALLY REAPPEARED...



IT'S AN OLD ENTERTAINMENT, DATING BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY! THEY CALLED THEM PLANETARIUMS, BUT WE USE THEM DIFFERENTLY! IT'S A POSITIVE MEANS OF CHECKING A WOULD-BE ROCKET PILOT AGAINST THE REAL THING!

THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND WHEN JAYSON ASKED HIS QUESTION, THE ANSWER WAS IN THE INSTRUCTOR'S SMILE..

ABOUT THAT RESEARCH POSITION, SIR... I WAS WONDERING IF..
OF COURSE IT'S YOURS! WE NEED YOU HERE, AS MUCH AS WE NEED OTHERS IN THE AIR!

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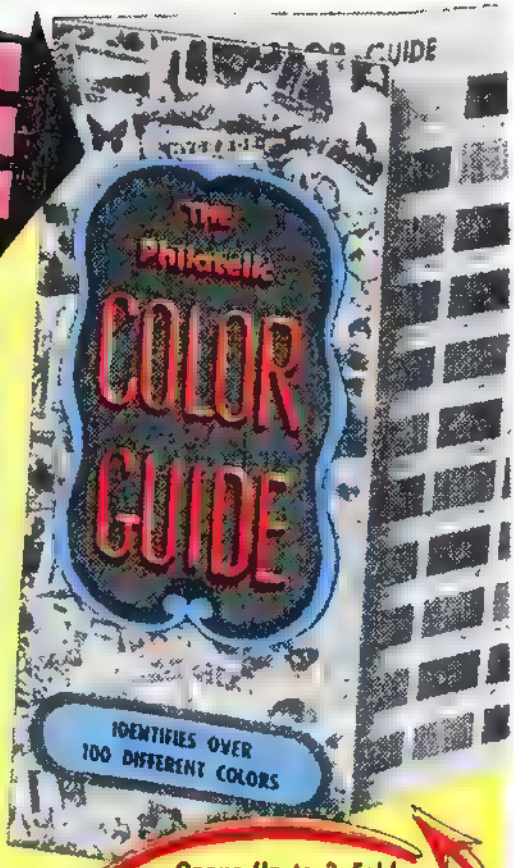
Yours FREE

COLOR GUIDE
Helps You Spot Valuable Stamps!

Valuable New Philatelic Color Guide Instantly Spots Color Differences That Make Stamps Worth BIG Money — offered FREE to Get Names for our mailing list

WITH this complete Philatelic Color Guide you can instantly spot the *little* differences in shading and color that can make such BIG differences in the value of stamps. For example, in Scott's Catalog a used United States 10¢, 1851-2 issue is valued at $3.00 in Brown — and the exact same unused stamp at $22.50 in *Black Brown!*

Contains over 100 clear color samples — all major colors PLUS all secondary shades and variations. Arranged in easy-to-use groups: reds, blues, yellows, greens, browns, etc. You simply slide stamps down color columns, spot rare and valuable color differences in a jiffy. Includes helpful hints on stamp colors, complete color index. Worth real money in valuable stamp discoveries. While supply lasts we'll send it to you FREE together with other interesting stamp offers for your inspection. We'll also send our informative "How to Collect Stamps," FREE. No obligation. Just hurry. Offer may have to be withdrawn. Mail coupon TODAY!



Opens Up to 3-Fold
9-Column Complete Color Guide
Over 100 Full Color Samples
Complete Color Index

Plus 5 Colorful Stamps from Far-Away Places

IRELAND — Madonna and Child by Della Robbia. Magnificently modeled figures in delicate blue and white

KENYA and UGANDA —African orange stamp celebrating the Queen of the Empire and the King of the Jungle.

PORTUGUESE — Beetle (Annlepies Trifasciata) Stamp in striking natural yellow, brown, and black.

ARGENTINE — Huge stamp in muted tones honors transportation by illustrating winged horse Pegasus and a Train.

MADAGASCAR — Native Dancer. Large head and torso in muted green sharply contrasted against pure white.

ALSO FREE!

IF YOU HURRY — we'll also send you 5 colorful stamps that will make friends bug-eyed with envy. All different. Each worth REAL MONEY. Just to make new friends for stamps, we're offering all five FREE — *together with the valuable Color Guide above*. Our supply is limited. Don't ask for more than one packet. Don't delay. If coupon is missing — mail 10¢ (to help cover postage, handling) to: LITTLETON Stamp Co., Dept. 9-MC, Littleton, N. H.

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Littleton, New Hampshire

Please send me FREE (while supply lasts) the valuable Philatelic Color Guide and the packet of 5 colorful stamps from far-away places. Also send me FREE the informative "How to Collect Stamps" — PLUS other interesting offers for my inspection. I understand I am not obligated to buy any stamps from you — now or later. I enclose 10¢ to help cover actual postage and handling of FREE Color Guide and stamps.

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Address _____

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for selling only 50 boxes of our 300 Christmas card line. And this can be done in a single day. Free samples. Other leading boxes on approval. Mail coupon below today.

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CHRISTMAS ASSORTMENT
Luxurious parchment paper used throughout. Outstanding cards in lovely designs

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Latest rage! Distinction, smart new, slim styling—beautiful!

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP ENSEMBLE
20 large deluxe sheets all 20"x30"—gay Christmas colors with matching seals and tags

TALL CARD CHRISTMAS FUN BOX
An amazing assortment of pop-outs, clever designs in the new slim style—terrific!

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21 inspiring religious cards with Bible verses

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Address_____

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If writing for an organization, give its name_____

COLONIAL STUDIOS, INC., Dept. 29-C, White Plains, New York

See below for style without blouse.
LOOK! Spare Time Plan!
EXTRA MONEY
for YOU-
Plus Lovely Dresses that Never Cost You a Penny!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
You've never read more exciting news! Think of making as much as $30.00 a week in your spare time, right in your own neighborhood, and also taking your pick of more than 100 beautiful colorful, late-style dresses . . . which won't cost you a single penny! All you do now is mail the coupon at the bottom of this page. Don't send any money now or any time. You'll receive absolutely free the most thrilling display of gorgeous styles you ever saw . . . all the latest fashions . . . all the new miracle wonder fabrics like dacron, nylon, orlon, rayon and scores of the all important sparkling cottons with the glamorous new finishes . . . in convertibles, casuals, mix-and-match, separates —house dresses, suits, sportswear, and hosiery and lingerie, too . . . also adorable children's dresses!
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Why not do as thousands of other folks do? No need *to wish* for extra cash to buy the things you want. You can make money so easily just by showing the famous balanced assortments of beautiful Wallace Brown Christmas Cards to your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, fellow church and club members. They'll love this convenient way to order Christmas cards at home and they'll be delighted with the beauty, value and variety offered them. In this big nationally famous line of over 50 money-makers are the two shown here . . . the sensational, big-value 21-card "Feature" Christmas Assortment and the beautiful Velour on Parchment Christmas Assortment. They sell on sight for only $1.00 each and you make up to 50¢ profit on each box! Mail the coupon NOW!

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Name_____

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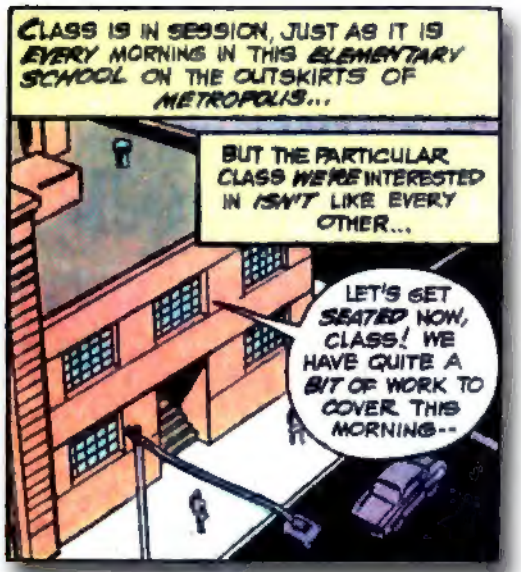
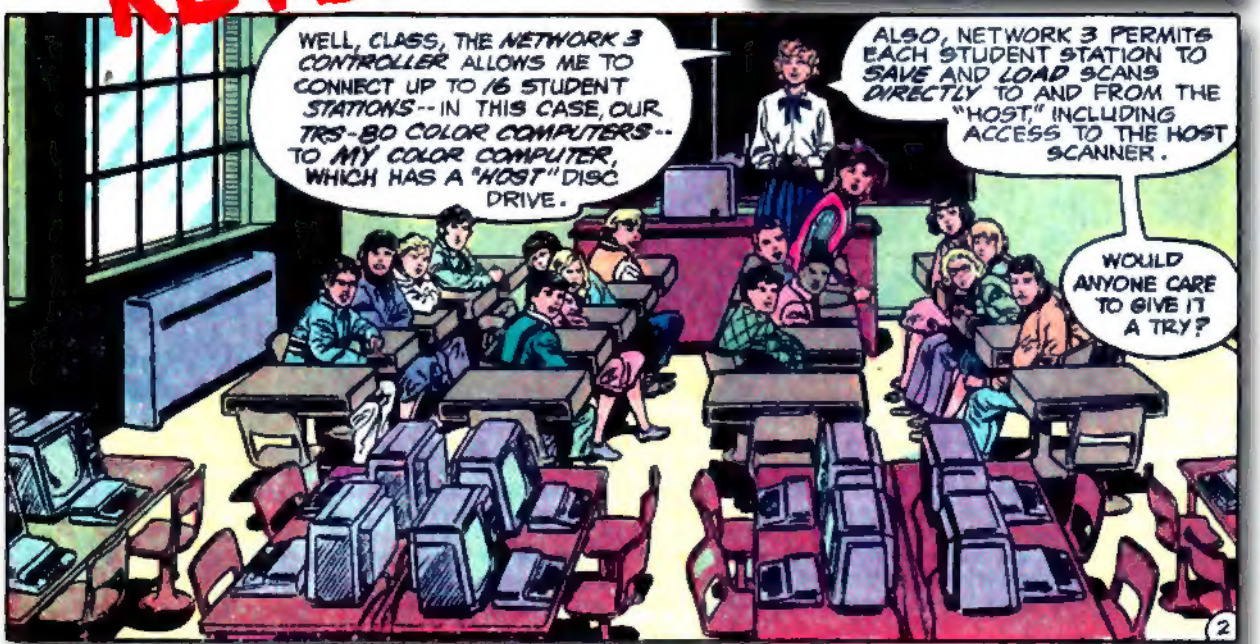
☐ Check for organization plan_____

SECRETS of the PMACK SCANNING EMPIRE REVEALED


CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--


WELL, CLASS, THE NETWORK 3 CONTROLLER ALLOWS ME TO CONNECT UP TO 16 STUDENT STATIONS -- IN THIS CASE, OUR TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTERS -- TO MY COLOR COMPUTER, WHICH HAS A "HOST" DISC DRIVE.
ALSO, NETWORK 3 PERMITS EACH STUDENT STATION TO SAVE AND LOAD SCANS DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE "HOST," INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE HOST SCANNER.
WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
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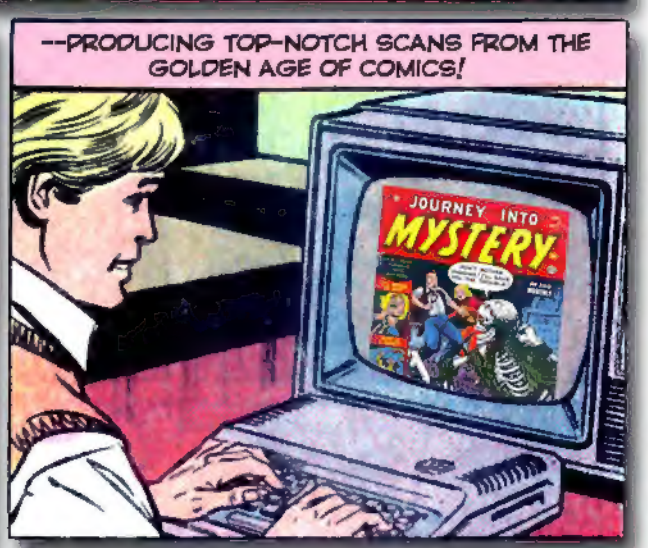
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH ON OUR COMPUTERS AND GET STARTED.
AND SO, FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THERE IS SILENCE IN THE CLASS-ROOM AS THE SIXTH-GRADERS APPLY THEMSELVES TO THE TASK AT HAND--



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